

**Roundtable on  
Institutions, Governance and Corruption**

Organized by the World Bank, International Economic Association and  
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Emerging economies around the world face the challenge of building good institutions and effective governance, since so much of economic development depends on having these in place. The promotion of shared prosperity and the battle against poverty require interventions to reach out to the poor and the disadvantaged. Yet time and again we have seen such effort foiled or diminished by corruption and leakage. The creation of good governance and institutions and structures to combat corruption require determination and passion but also intricate design rooted in data, analysis, and research. This roundtable will bring leading researchers from around the world to bring to the table the best available ideas to help create better governance structures, design laws for corruption control, and nurture good institutions. We expect that the papers and the comments that will emerge from this roundtable will help governments and international organizations, such as the World Bank, to promote inclusive and sustainable development.

The roundtable will consist of three sessions (each involving four paper writers and four commentators):

1. **Institutions and History.** This section will consist of broad brush papers on institutions pertaining to governance, drawing on history and multiple disciplines, such as politics, sociology and economics.
2. **Corruption and Crony Capitalism.** Nation after nation has been plagued by crony capitalism, which blurs the line between overt corruption and corruption that occurs via capture. This section will see the presentation of papers drawing on theory and data to shed light on the extent of these problems and on what can be done.
3. **Law and Governance.** For effective governance and efficient service delivery, institutions matter, but so do the laws that a nation enacts and tries to implement. This section will have papers on different legal systems and governance matters at all levels, from the federal to the local.

In addition to these three structured sessions with papers and commentaries, we will organize a **Policy Panel** where we will bring in four or five policy makers to dwell on the topics of the roundtable and, in the process, to engage with the researchers who would have presented the papers and the commentaries.

As is usual with IEA roundtables, the papers and the comments will be published as a book. This will be edited by Kaushik Basu and Tito Cordella. A decision will be taken after the conference if the Policy Panel can be published in the same volume as a more general discourse on the subject.