

# SITE's Corruption Conference

Stockholm, August 31 – September 1, 2015

Conference venue: Stora Salen, entrance from Holländargatan 32, 7th floor

## Program

Day 1: Monday, August 31

8.30-8.55 Registration and Coffee

8.55-9.00 Introduction: Anders Olofsgård, SITE

9.00-10.00 **Keynote Address 1**

Chair: Giancarlo Spagnolo, SITE and U. of Rome II

**Kaushik Basu**

**Senior Vice-President and Chief Economist of the World Bank**

*Corruption, Food Security and the Foundations of Law and Economics* | [Paper](#) | [Presentation](#)

10.00-10.15 Coffee break

10.15-12.15 **Anti-corruption Tools**

Chair: Giancarlo Spagnolo, SITE and U. of Rome II

- Sylvain Chassang, Princeton University

*Corruption, Intimidation, and Whistleblowing: A Theory of Inference from Unverifiable Reports* | [Paper](#) | [Presentation](#)

Discussant: Chloe Le Coq, SITE | [Presentation](#)

- Tito Cordella, The World Bank

*Asymmetric Punishment as an Instrument of Corruption Control* | [Paper](#) | [Presentation](#)

Discussant: Jenny Simon, SITE | [Presentation](#)

- Justin Valasek, WZB Berlin

*Reforming an Institutional Culture: A Model of Motivated Agents and Collective Reputation* | [Paper](#) | [Presentation](#)

Discussant: Elena Paltseva, SITE | [Presentation](#)

12.15 -13.15 Lunch break

13.15-14.15 **Keynote Address 2**

Chair: Anders Olofsgård, SITE

**Simeon Djankov**

**Rector at the New Economic School in Moscow**

*Unhappiness and Corruption in Eastern Europe* | [Paper](#)

14.15-14.30 Coffee break

14.30-16.30 **Corruption in Transition Countries**

Chair: Anders Olofsgård, SITE

- Anna Kochanova, Max Planck Institute for Research on Collective Goods  
*Bribery environment and firm performance: evidence from Central and Eastern European countries* | [Paper](#)  
Discussant: Konrad Burchardi, IIES
- Andreea Mitrut, Gothenburg University  
*Fighting Corruption in Education: What Works and Who Benefits?* | [Paper](#)  
Discussant: Maria Perrotta Berlin, SITE
- Audinga Baltrunaite, IIES Stockholm University  
*Political Finance Reform and Procurement: Evidence from Lithuania*  
Discussant: Tito Cordella, The World Bank

16.30-16.45 Coffee break

16.45-18.15 **Policy Panel**

Moderator: Annika Sundén, Chief Economist at Sida

- Abhijit Banerjee, Ford Foundation International Professor of Economics at MIT
- Eric Livny, President of ISET, Tbilisi
- Kaushik Basu, Senior Vice-President and Chief Economist of the World Bank
- Simeon Djankov, Rector at the New Economic School in Moscow
- Tymofiy Mylovanov, University of Pittsburgh and VoxUkraine
- Giancarlo Spagnolo, SITE and U. of Rome II | [Presentation](#)

19.00 **Dinner (by invitation)**

Day 2: Tuesday, September 1

8.45-10.45 **Corruption in Developing Countries, session 1**

Chair: Andreas Madestam, Stockholm University

- Rema Hanna, Harvard Kennedy School

*The Power of Transparency: Information, Identification Cards and Food Subsidy Programs in Indonesia* | [Presentation](#)

Discussant: Jesper Roine, SITE | [Presentation](#)

- Stephane Straub, Toulouse School of Economics

*The Value of Revolving Doors in Brazilian Public Procurement*

Discussant: Sylvain Chassang, Princeton | [Presentation](#)

- Guilherme Lichand, Harvard University

*Is corruption good for your health?* | [Presentation](#)

Discussant: Ina Ganguli, SITE | [Presentation](#)

10.45-11.00 Coffee break

11.00-13.00 **Corruption in Developing Countries, session 2**

Chair: Martina Björkman Nyqvist, SSE

- Sandip Sukhtankar, Dartmouth College

*Building State Capacity: Evidence from Biometric Smartcards in India* | [Presented paper](#) | [Presentation](#)

Discussant: Marieke Huysentruyt, SITE | [Presentation](#)

- Michele Valsecchi, University of Gothenburg

*The Political Economy of Corruption in the Bureaucracy*

Discussant: Klenio Barbosa, FGV Sao Paulo | [Presentation](#)

- Arieda Muco, Stockholm School of Economics

*Learn from thy neighbour: Do voters associate corruption with political parties?* | [Presentation](#)

Discussant: Anna Kochanova, Max Planck Institute | [Presentation](#)

- Sebastian Axbard, Uppsala University

*Convicting Corrupt Officials: Evidence from Randomly Assigned Cases* | [Presentation](#)

Discussant: Anna Tompsett, Stockholm University | [Presentation](#)

13.00-13.30 Coffee and Sandwich

13.30-14.30 **Keynote Address 3**

Chair: Martina Björkman Nyqvist, SSE

**Abhijit Banerjee**

**Ford Foundation International Professor of Economics MIT**

*Information, voting and the quality of governance* | [Presentation](#)

14.30-14.35 Concluding remarks,

Torbjörn Becker, SITE Director

End of the conference.