

Governance & Integrity Anti-Corruption Evidence Programme (GI ACE) Annual Conference Agenda

7 - 9 September 2025 | Bramber House, University of Sussex, Falmer

Sunday, 7 th September		
Time	Activity	Location
16:00 - onwards	Participants arrive and check in at hotel	Premier Inn Lewes Town Centre, The Old Courthouse, Court Rd, Lewes BN7 2PG
19:00 – 21:00	Welcome Dinner for Researchers	Côte Brasserie, 82 High St, Lewes BN7 1XW
Day 1: Monday, 8 th September		
Time	Activity	Location
08:00– 08:30	Transfer by train to Bramber House, University of Sussex	
08:30– 09:00	Welcome Coffee/Networking	
09:00– 09:30	Opening Remarks	
09:30 – 11:00	Panel 1: Global Finance and the Enablers of Corruption <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Helen Taylor, Spotlight on Corruption (Chair) 2. Corruption in Paradise: An ecology of money laundering through real estate in the touristic Global South, Jean-Patrick Villeneuve, Università della Svizzera Italiana 3. Identifying Enabler Networks and their Vulnerabilities, John Heathershaw, University of Exeter 4. Lessons for combating illicit cross-border trade and money laundering from the Congo, David Szakonyi, Anti-Corruption Data Collective 5. Gatekeepers, Enablers or Technicians: The contested interpretation of lawyers as facilitators of kleptocracy and grand corruption, Tena Prelec, University of Rijeka 	Terrace Room, Bramber House, University of Sussex, Falmer, BN1 9QU
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee break/Networking	
11:30 – 12:45	Panel 2: State Capture <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Liz David-Barrett, GI ACE (Chair) 2. Daniel Kaufmann, Results for Development and the Governance Action Hub (Discussant) 3. Building Resilience to State Capture, Tom Shipley, GI ACE 4. State Capture from the Grassroots: Civil Society Efforts and Public Perceptions, Caryn Peiffer, University of Bristol 5. Building Institutional Resilience to Global Illicit Financial Flows as Enablers and Drivers of State Capture, Tihomira Kostova/Todor Galev, Center for the Study of Democracy 	
12:45 – 13:00	Researchers and team group photo	
12:45 – 13:45	Lunch	
13:45 – 15:15	Panel 3: Crisis Responses and Corruption in Vulnerable Sectors <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Pallavi Roy, SOAS ACE (Chair) 2. Addressing Corruption in the Crisis Response of the Malawian Health System, Claudia Baez Camargo, Basel Institute of Governance 3. Crisis Emergencies, State Responses and 'Windows' of Corruption in Uganda, Sabiti Makara/Natal Ayiga, Kabale University 4. The Corrupting Effect of Political Connections in Public Procurement through Crises, Mihály Fazekas, Government Transparency Institute 5. Interrogating Corruption Risk in the Climate Transition: Trading in Voluntary Carbon Markets, Cathy Haenlein/Dan Marks, Royal United Services Institute 	
15:15 – 15:45	Coffee Break /Networking	
15:45 – 17:15	Roundtable Session: A Changing World Order: What now for the global fight against corruption? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Robert Barrington, GI ACE (Chair) 2. Heather Marquette, SOC ACE 3. Irene Mia, International Institute for Strategic Studies 4. Todor Galev, Center for the Study of Democracy 5. Josie Stewart, Joffe Trust 	
17:15 – 17:30	Wrap Up	
17:30 - onwards	Transfer to Lewes	
19:00 – 21:00	Programme Dinner	Bill's, 56 Cliffe High St, Lewes BN7 2AN
Day 2: Tuesday, 9 th September		
Time	Activity	Location

08:00 – 08:30	Transfer to Bramber House, University of Sussex	
08:30 – 09:00	Welcome Coffee	Terrace Room, Bramber House, University of Sussex, Falmer, BN1 9QU
09:00 – 09:30	Opening Remarks and Programme Management	
09:30 – 10:30	Session 1: Theorising Change in the A/C Ecosystem	
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee Break	
11:00 – 12:00	Session 2: Routes to Research Impact	
12:00 – 13:00	Session 3: The ACE Programme and Professional Impact	
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch Break	
14:00 – 16:00	Session 4: GI ACE Network Mapping and Project Breakout Sessions	
	Closing	
16:00 – onwards	Departure	