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“Cross-national corruption measures: A comparison”

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Abstract:

This paper aims to compare objective and subjective/based indexes of corruption and how well they could capture changes of corruption over time. The problem of measuring changes in corruption internationally is significantly more daunting than that of estimating their levels. Trends in corruption for groups of geographically proximate countries are computed based on the geographic distribution of cases of cross-border bribes. We find that cross-country variations in corruption are greater than time variations within countries. Time variations in levels of corruption are also calculated from those that may be inferred from changes in perceived corruption, as measured by Transparency International's Corruption Perception Index. We find that these alternative measures of changes of corruption in time are not significantly correlated. Using a panel data estimation technique, we attempt to explain trends in corruption and only partially confirm results that are obtained when the purpose is to account for their levels in the context of a cross-sectional study.

About the speaker:

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