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Cross-Border Bribery and Institutional Heterogeneity

by

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Abstract:

The OECD Anti-Bribery Convention has led to an increase in the enforcement of cross-border corruption cases. This study takes advantage of this novel dataset in order to examine the determinants of corruption. In particular, it explores to what extent does the institutional similarity between the countries of the briber and the bribee serve to encourage or discourage such illicit transactions. It is different from other studies that usually examine the determinants of corruption using subjective perception-based measures. The first part discusses how institutions, both formal and informal affect the incentives of the parties to offer and accept a bribe. These factors are then tested using a gravity model approach. A comparison is made between the results of this study and others in the literature that rely on perception-based indices.

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