

## Co-organization



## Call for Applications

Apply for the 9th Forum of the Interdisciplinary Corruption Research Network (ICRN), an event that aims to promote discussion on a wide range of topics related to corruption, anti-corruption and integrity in a safe and collaborative environment.

The event will take place from June 12 (Thursday) to June 14 (Saturday), 2025 at Central European University (CEU), in Vienna, Austria.

The ICRN Forum is a dynamic gathering of international early career researchers from diverse disciplines, including but not limited to anthropology, economics, history, law, political science, psychology, and sociology. As a participant, you will have the opportunity to present your research, exchange ideas, kick-start collaborative projects and take part in co-creation sessions in the field. We welcome any theoretical and empirical contribution on corruption, anti-corruption, and/or integrity to be presented.

For the 9th ICRN Forum, in partnership with the [Governance & Integrity Anti-Corruption Evidence Programme](#) (GI ACE) –based at the Centre for the Study of Corruption at the University of Sussex–, we are excited to introduce a **new initiative** for participants living and working in the Global South (list of eligible countries [here](#)). The **Governance & Integrity Fellowship** is a fully funded two-year programme that includes research training, mentoring and a small research grant. It also includes sponsorship to attend the Forum in Vienna to present a research proposal at the “New ideas from the Global South” session. Further information about the fellowship can be found [here](#).

This ICRN Forum is a platform for sharing research at different stages. Participation is targeted at a wide audience, inviting both scholars and practitioners to work together on reducing the gap between research and policymaking in the field.

We welcome submissions to four types of sessions:

1. **Promotion** - presentations of advanced-stage research that is nearing completion or has been completed. This includes work where the researcher has already conducted fieldwork/collected data, undertaken some degree of analysis and produced some results. We also encourage submissions that focus on promoting completed work, discussing the challenges of fieldwork, and/or possible avenues of analysis based on material already collected.

2. **Work in Progress** - presentations of researchers currently at the early stages of their research process who wish to discuss their research design, expected/potential fieldwork issues (i.e., before data collection), identified research gaps, and contribution statements. The objective of these sessions is for presenters to benefit from feedback on the initial phase of their research work.

3. **Co-creation** - sessions dedicated to developing new research ideas and fostering open collaboration projects. These may include concepts for joint publications, teaching initiatives, or the organization of conference panels, as well as more innovative approaches to advancing corruption research through discussions of methodologies or data collection techniques. Applicants to a co-creation session are expected to volunteer to moderate (chair) the session. Proposals for a co-creation session must include a clear description of objectives, procedures, guiding questions, and any other elements considered relevant for the successful holding of discussions.

4. **New ideas from the Global South (fellowship programme)** - presentations of research proposals by selected Governance & Integrity Fellows. These proposals should outline a plan for research that has not yet been conducted. The sessions will provide the opportunity for discussion and constructive feedback.

**To apply**, please fill in the registration form, choose your session type and follow the guidelines.

For the **Promotion, Work in Progress or Co-creation** sessions, a **300-word abstract** is required.

To become a **Governance & Integrity Fellow** and present at the “New ideas from the Global South” session, a **500-word research proposal**, a **300-word motivation statement** and a **2-page CV are required**. Further information about the Governance & Integrity Fellowship, including eligibility criteria and guidance for completing your research proposal can be found [here](#).

The deadline for applications is **Monday, February 3, 2025**.

Apply here: [https://qualtrics.ceu.edu/jfe/form/SV\\_eWnvSqTNN9mAUUnA](https://qualtrics.ceu.edu/jfe/form/SV_eWnvSqTNN9mAUUnA)

Notification of acceptance will be sent out in March 2025.

Criteria for selecting participants:

- (a) Quality of abstract or research proposal;
- (b) Relevance and innovativeness of applications;
- (c) Priority for early career scholars (Research MA, PhD, post-doc, junior/assistant professor);
- (d) Emphasis on regional diversity.

**There is no registration fee** and once accepted, all participants will be offered coffee, snacks and lunches. Participants would bear travel and accommodation expenses. Governance & Integrity Fellows participating in the “New ideas from the Global South” sessions will be supported by a travel and accommodation grant. All interested candidates are requested to keep an eye on our website and social media (Facebook, LinkedIn group and Twitter @ICR\_Network) for updates.

Have questions or need more information? Reach out to the organization team at: [icrn2025@ceu.edu](mailto:icrn2025@ceu.edu)

Please check your email spam folder as sometimes new addresses can get directed there.

We await to see your application!

ICRN 2025 Forum team

<https://www.icrnetwork.org/>

### **Key Information about the Forum:**

#### **Submission Deadline:**

- Abstract submission and application deadline: **Monday, February 3, 2025**.

#### **Notification of Acceptance:**

- Successful applicants will be notified in **March 2025**.

#### **Event Details:**

- Dates: **Thursday, June 12, to Saturday, June 14, 2025**
- Venue: Central European University (CEU), Vienna, Austria