

Course Outline

EE545/EE541 Selected topics in Public Economics 1: Economics of Corruption

Semester: 2/2015 (18 January - 14 May 2016)

Instructors: Dr. Sirilaksana Khoman and Dr. Chayun Tantivasadakarn

Class Schedule: Thursdays 14.00 – 17.00 hrs.

Class Room:, Faculty of Economics

Prerequisites: *EE 311 or by permission*

Course Description: Economic analysis of corruption, models of decision making under uncertainty, analysis of rent-seeking behavior, game theory and Prisoner's Dilemma, legal definitions and laws, international protocols, public policy and measures to tackle corruption, case studies of corruption, particularly in Thailand.

Method of Instruction: There will be lectures, games, role playing and case studies. Students will have a chance to work on actual data to create tools that may actually be used to help prevent corruption or to prosecute corruption in Thailand. (Students may be asked to sign confidentiality statements not to disclose proprietary information that may be discussed in the classroom).

Student Evaluation:

Class participation/Homework	15%
Paper/Case study	35%
Mid-term examination	20%
Final examination	30%

Main Textbooks (to be informed)

Students should review concepts of Microeconomics, such as economic rent, monopoly, expected utility theory, and game theory.

There will be a few recommended textbooks, many articles, and web pages.

Teaching Plan:

1. Introduction

- 1.1 What is corruption? (6 hours)
 - Types of corruption and legal definitions
- 1.2 Attempts to measure corruption
- 1.3 Why study corruption? Cause and effects



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Why would you want to take this course?

This course is not for everyone.

**This course is for students who care about the society in which they live.
This course is for students who want to make a difference.**

This course is not about politics. There will be no discussion based on political affiliation, but discussion of the role of politicians is inevitable.

The course is about the heinous crime of corruption: theory, evidence, measures and policies. This course is about rigorous economic analysis, taking into account the socio-political environment.

Find out how YOU can make a difference. Find out how YOU can play a part. Work with real data. Help produce tools that can or may be used (in the court of law) to prosecute crime or to prevent this crime from taking place. Outstanding paper authors may have a chance to present their work at workshops and perhaps international conferences. (Students may be asked to sign statements not to disclose proprietary information that may be discussed in class).

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