

# Network Theory of Bureaucratic Corruption in Non-Democracies

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Dr. Zaloznaya develops a theory of bureaucratic corruption based on her research of under-the-table transactions at Ukrainian universities. She tests it with a large-N survey from Russia that includes extensive modules on personal networks and corruption behavior. It shows that Russians are more likely to give bribes, presents, and do favors for bureaucrats when they can obtain corruption-relevant information and rely on protection from their networks if they get in trouble. At the same time, strong ties with non-criminogenic alters do not make Russians perceive corruption as riskier or less acceptable. By contrast to typical street and white-collar crime, such conventional relationships increase rather than decrease Russians' likelihood of corrupt behavior.



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