

Section 7 – Amministrazione e Politiche Pubbliche

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Panel 7.2 The corruption-democracy nexus

Amongst the major cases uncovered in the last years, the Proxy Platform, the Russian Laundromat, the Azerbaijani Laundromat, and now the Troika Laundromat have exposed illegal payment schemes connecting politics, organized crime, and business across borders through branches of reputable financial institutions such as Danske Bank.

These schemes have increasingly attracted the watchdogs' attention for their possible use in support of politicians with weak anti-corruption agendas. Besides, they have further proven that even a longstanding tradition of good and democratic governance cannot shield countries from being entangled in the mechanisms of corruption.

The panel invites papers addressing the normative and positive issues posed by corruption; the possible mechanisms connecting it to the weakening of democratic institutions and to organized crime; its relationship with populist and illiberal discourses on democracy; the effectiveness of the instruments and bodies deployed to unveil and contrast it at any scale of government. Both theoretical and empirical works will be welcome – the latter, regardless of their research strategy.

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