

sues become essential when analyzing the international dimension, such as the one on the subject of the recognition of academic degrees. Although sufficient space is given to international and comparative issues, it should be noted that the core of the text is the discipline concerning the British HEIs.

Finally, the book has a specialized nature, not to be understood in the sense of the narrowness of the subject, which is instead broader, interconnected and varied, covering all aspects of the academic world and all the relationships of HEIs.

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R. FISMAN / M. A. GOLDEN, *Corruption: What Everyone Needs to Know*, Oxford University Press, New York, 2017, 316 pp., ISBN: 978-0-19-046397-7

Corruption is a topical issue around the world, yet the meaning of the word remains ambiguous to many people. When considering corruption, the sheer scope of issues involved leave the problems caused by it as seemingly impossible to comprehend. This book tackles this challenge through clear, plain-language analysis of public corruption. Fisman and Golden establish this focus early in the book, enabling in-depth analysis of public sector corruption challenges. Each chapter covers a particular area of focus, including identifying corruption, who is involved, how culture impacts upon this, and ways that corruption in a state can be reduced - or may increase.

The book is particularly effective in using topical examples from around the world to illustrate the issues discussed. While big examples like Italy's 'Clean Hands' investigations are analyzed, Fisman and Golden are particularly effective at demonstrating low-level corruption's substantial impact. From rural employment in India to the work of Officer Frank Serpico, the book effectively captures how cultures of corruption can be immensely damaging, and how significant, rapid cultural change can have powerful positive effects.

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