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**From miracle to crisis and beyond: Governance, institutions and anti-corruption in Asia**

**Description**
For three decades, until the beginning of the financial crisis in mid 1997, East and Southeast Asia had been the most dynamic regions of the world economy. Their continuous double-digit economic growth had been acknowledged by many in the world as a “miracle” created and driven by the “Asian values” and corresponding “Asian ways” of managing economies and doing businesses. In 1997, however, the surge of “Asian values” was abruptly halted by Asia’s financial meltdown.

The economic crisis has since precipitated a re-evaluation of and, sometimes, an emotional debate over “Asian ways” – for their failures not their miracles. The crisis has also intensified global concerns about corruption.

This project is intended for a comparative applied-policy study on corruption-control measures, governance improvement and institution building in major Asian countries. Each case will be placed in the specific context of the political traditions, social norms, cultural values, popular senses and thinking, and contemporary circumstances of each of the locales. The cases will be threaded together by a comprehensive review of major epidemics of corruption and control efforts in world history and their impact on the development of political institutions and social attitude towards governance.

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