



GIACC

Global Infrastructure Anti-Corruption Centre

UNIVERSITY ANTI-CORRUPTION SEMINAR

THE SILENT KILLER: CORRUPTION ON INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

BROCHURE

Every year, people die worldwide due to corruption on infrastructure projects. Buildings which are constructed in corrupt breach of building regulations collapse in earthquakes or catch fire, directly resulting in deaths. Public sector infrastructure funds are stolen or projects are corruptly overpriced, leaving less money available to build hospitals, so people then die in consequence. Projects are built defectively resulting in inadequate infrastructure.

Infrastructure projects are prone to corruption because of their size, contractual structure, and complexity. Professionals working in the infrastructure sector are, therefore, at some time likely to be faced with dilemmas relating to corruption.

Failure to deal with these dilemmas properly so as to avoid involvement in corruption may result in criminal liability and imprisonment for the professional, and criminal liability, fines and debarment for their organisation. The professional may also have to live with the knowledge that their corruption may have resulted in some of the consequences described above.

It is therefore of vital importance that, as part of their university or college training, prospective professionals are taught about the different types of corruption, liability for corruption, the damage it causes, what can be done to prevent it, and what they should do to avoid it in their working life.

The University Anti-Corruption Seminar “*The Silent Killer: Corruption on Infrastructure Projects*” aims to help fulfil this purpose. It has been designed and written by the Global Infrastructure Anti-Corruption Centre (GIACC). It is aimed at students taking an undergraduate or postgraduate degree or professional qualification in a subject relevant to the infrastructure sector (e.g. engineering, architecture, project management, procurement, quantity surveying). It may also be of interest and use to students in fields such as law, accounting, and business management. The analysis and examples given in the seminar focus on the infrastructure sector but are also applicable to, and can be adapted for, other sectors.

The seminar comprises one hour of in-person tuition and discussion, and two hours of reading by the students in their time.

The seminar pack comprises a 30 page document containing the complete seminar materials, and a supporting deck of 38 slides (which contain a simplified version of the seminar materials).

The seminar materials and slides can be adapted by universities and colleges to fit their requirements.

There are two possible alternative ways in which the seminar can be provided to students:

Option A: Pre-reading and moderated discussion (no slide presentation)

- The seminar materials are distributed to the students in advance of the seminar. It is estimated that the students will require approximately two hours to read and consider the materials.
- The students then attend a one hour in-person or online seminar in which they participate in a moderated discussion on the materials. There are a set of questions at the end of the materials. The moderator may select which of these questions is debated, or use alternative questions.
- The slide deck is not used in Option A.

Option B: Slide presentation, discussion, and post-reading

- The students attend a one hour in-person or online seminar in which the lecturer presents the slides. The slides will take 35 to 45 minutes to present, leaving 15 to 25 minutes for discussion.
- The seminar materials are then distributed to the students after the seminar for them to read in their own time. The materials will give them a more comprehensive view than the slides.

If desired, the questions contained in the seminar materials can be used for a written test.

If your university or college wishes to consider providing the seminar to its students, and wishes to receive further information, or a copy of the seminar materials and slides, please contact GIACC: <https://giaccentre.org/contact/>

Conditions of use of the seminar materials and slides

GIACC provides the seminar materials and slides free of charge to universities and colleges as a public service to raise awareness of corruption.

The seminar materials and slides may be used and adapted by universities and colleges in whatever manner they wish, provided that they are used as part of their teaching curriculum.

The university or college using these materials may put their own name on the materials. However, there should be the following acknowledgement in a suitably prominent location in the materials: *“This seminar is based on materials provided pro bono by the Global Infrastructure Anti-Corruption Centre (GIACC). www.giaccentre.org”*

University Anti-Corruption Course

In addition to the above seminar materials, GIACC has also published a more comprehensive University Anti-Corruption Course, *“Preventing Corruption on Infrastructure Projects”*. This course is designed to provide 12 in-person or online sessions of one hour each, plus approximately 24 hours of reading time of the course materials by students outside the sessions.

This comprehensive course covers similar content to the seminar described above, but is considerably more comprehensive, and will equip the student with a far deeper understanding of corruption on infrastructure projects. It also contains a detailed case study with ethical dilemmas which the students work through and discuss in the seminars.

GIACC also provides these materials free of charge. If your university or college wishes to receive further information on the comprehensive course, contact GIACC: <https://giaccentre.org/contact/>