

FORTHCOMING CES SEMINAR

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Corruption:
How do you turn a poacher into a
gamekeeper?

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Corruption has been described as a cancer afflicting the international community. Defined as the abuse of public office for private gain, donors and aid agencies take a punitive approach by monitoring, policing and punishing offenders. And yet, corruption persists, often in very inventive ways.

Why? And is there a more effective way of managing corruption?

The current approach sees corruption as an irrational and contrary to a society's needs. But what if corruption is rational because people are protecting their interests and groups? Rather than ignore their interests, is there a way to legitimately incorporate them? Is there a way to turn a poacher into a gamekeeper?

Undala Alam spent several years working with the UN and the World Bank, and draws on her experience to reflect on corruption.

