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Can Honesty Be Nudged to Fight Corruption? The Classic vs Behavioral Approach to Policy

One of the most challenging matters of justice nowadays is the corruption and anti-corruption policy. This issue does not only come to the attention of the courts, but also to the scholars, the media and the public, thus demonstrating the big dimension of the phenomena. The presentation will address corruption from the perspective of the more general notion of *"dishonest behavior"* and will focus on the analysis of a particular case — gift-offerings in primary schools. The seminar will discuss both the concept of *"corruption"* and the behavioral notion of *"nudge"* and examine whether corruption is prone to instruments proposed by behavioral sciences. Consequently, it will confront classical approaches with more recent behavioral proposals. If we conclude that there might be specific fraudulent contexts where nudges can be successfully and effectively implemented, this workshop will be an encouragement both for scholars and for policy makers to look for simple, inexpensive and efficient instruments like those provided by the behavioral sciences.