ONLINE APPENDIX

A Dark Side of Cooperation: When International Organizations Spread Political Corruption

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Appendix A includes a list of all regional organizations included in the COW IGO data set. We removed AfricaCare from the set of regional IOs since it is a nongovernmental organization. Further note that we only include those IOs in the calculations that were active at the time of observation. Data on regional organizations is from Jon Pevehouse.

- 1. Arab Auth. for Ag. Invest. & Development
- 2. Assoc. of African Central Banks
- 3. Assoc. of African Tax Administrators
- 4. Assoc. of Afr. Trade Promotion Orgs.
- 5. Arab Bank for Econ. Dev. in Africa
- 6. Arab Cooperation Council
- 7. Am Cmte Dependent Territories
- 8. Afr. Cultural Institute
- 9. Arab Center for Medical Lit.
- 10. Association of Caribbean States
- 11. African Civil Service Observatory
- 12. Administrative Center for Soc Security for Rhine Boatmen
- 13. Asian Clearing Union
- 14. Arab Fund for Social and Economic Development
- 15. Afr. Exp/Import Bank
- 16. Afr. Fund Guarantee & Econ. Coop.
- 17. African Postal Union
- 18. Afr. Foundation for R & D
- 19. Observatorie economique statistique subsaharan Afr.
- 20. Association of Financial Supervisors of Pacific Countries
- 21. Arab Federation for Technical Educ.
- 22. African Groundnut Council
- 23. Arab Gulf Prog. for UN Dev. Org.
- 24. Arab Investment Company
- 25. Asian Industrial Development Council
- 26. Arab Industrial Devel. & Mining Org.
- 27. African Intellectual Property Organization
- 28. Arab Labor Organization
- 29. African Legal Support Facility
- 30. African & Malagasy Coffee Org.
- 31. African Ministers' Council on Water
- 32. Arab Monetary Fund
- 33. Afro-Malagasy Industrial Property Office
- 34. Afro-Malagasy Postal and Telecomm Union
- 35. African/Malgasy Sugar Council
- 36. Arab Maghreb Union
- 37. Arab Org for Ag. & Develop.
- 38. Afr. Org. of Cartography & Remote Sensing
- 39. Arab Org. for Mineral Resources
- 40. Asian-Oceanic Postal Union
- 41. Asian/Pacific Coconut Comm.
- 42. Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation
- 43. Asia-Pac Instit. for Broadcast Develop.

- 44. Asian Productivity Organization
- 45. African Petroleum Producers Association
- 46. Asia Pacific Telecommunity
- 47. African Postal and Telecom Union
- 48. Asian Reinsurance Corp.
- 49. Promotion of Nuc. Sci & Tech in L/A
- 50. Afr. Regional Intellectual Property Org.
- 51. Arab Postal Union
- 52. Afr. School of Architec. & Town Planning
- 53. Assoc. Superv. Banks of L/A & Caribb.
- 54. African Standing Conf. on Biblio. Control
- 55. Association of Southeast Asian Nations
- 56. Agency for the Safety of Air Navagation in Africa and Madagascar
- 57. Asia & Pacific Council
- 58. African Timber Org.
- 59. Africa Union
- 60. Afr. Oil Palm Dev. Assoc.
- 61. Africa Rice Center
- 62. Amazonian Coop. Council
- 63. Andean Community
- 64. Int'l Fund for Saving Aral Sea
- 65. Asian Dev. Bank
- 66. Baltic Batallion
- 67. Baltic Council
- 68. Benelux
- 69. Board of Nordic Dev. Projects
- 70. Bay of Bengal Programme Inter-Governmental Organization
- 71. Bonn Agreement
- 72. Benelux Organization for Intellectual Property
- 73. Bank of the South
- 74. Black Sea Economic Council
- 75. Central Am. Coffee Board
- 76. Cent. American Energy Comm.
- 77. Central Asian Cooperation Organization
- 78. Centr. Am. Instit. for Public Admin.
- 79. Afr. & Malagasy Council for Higher Ed.
- 80. Conference for African Ministers for Sustainable Development
- 81. Central American Monetary Stability Fund
- 82. Caribbean Community
- 83. Caribbean Free Trade Area
- 84. Central American Research Institute for Industry
- 85. Congo Basin Forest Partnership

- 86. Council of Baltic Sea States
- 87. Central Commission for the Navigation of the Rhine
- 88. Cent. Compensation Off. of Maghreb
- 89. Caribbean Commission
- 90. Caribbean Development Bank
- 91. West African Economic Community
- 92. Central & Eastern Europe Privatization Network
- 93. Central Europe FTA
- 94. Central European Initiative
- 95. Central African Economic & Monetary Union
- 96. Economic Community of Great Lakes States
- 97. European Org for Nuclear Research
- 98. Caribbean Fin. Action Task Force
- 99. Conference Heads of State of Equ. Africa
- 100. Conference on Interaction and Confidence-Building Measures in Asia
- 101. Comm Intl Finan Cntrl Macedonia
- 102.Perm. Interstate Comm. for Drought Control in the Sahel
- 103.Inter-African Conference on Insurance Markets
- 104. Council of Min. Asian Econ. Coop.
- 105. Conference of Ministers of Agriculture of West and Central Africa
- 106. Council of Min. of Health of Arab Gulf States
- 107. Council of Europe
- 108. Common Market for East/South Africa
- 109. Conf. of Posts & Telecommunications of Central Africa
- 110.COSAVE
- 111. Central PanAm Bureau Eugenics
- 112. Caribbean Postal Union
- 113. Collective Security Treaty Organization
- 114. Caribb. Examinations Council
- 115. Caribbean Organization
- 116. Development Bank of Great Lake States
- 117. Desert Locust Control Org-East Af
- 118. Danube Commission
- 119. East African Community
- 120. East African Common Market
- 121. East African Common Services Org
- 122. East African Development Bank
- 123. European Central Bank
- 124. Eastern Caribb. Central Bank
- 125.Economic Community of Central African States
- 126. Eastern Caribb. Central Bank
- 127. Euro Comm for Control of Danube
- 128. East Caribbean Common Market
- 129. Euro Company Chem Process Irrad Fuels
- 130. Economic Cooperation Organization

- 131. Economic Community of West African States
- 132. Euro Conf Postal Telecom Admin
- 133. European Coal & Steel Community
- 134. European Economic Community
- 135.Euro Food Code Council
- 136.Eur. Foundation for Impr. of Living & Work Conditions
- 137. Euro Free Trade Assn
- 138. Euro Investment Bank
- 139. European Institute of Peace
- 140. Europ. Institute of Public Admin.
- 141. Euro Space Vehicle Launcher Dev Org
- 142. European Molecular Biology Conference
- 143. Eur. Molecular Biol. Lab
- 144. European Monetary Institute
- 145. Euro Productivity Agency
- 146. Euro. Postal Financial Services Comm.
- 147. European Patent Organization
- 148. European Payments Union
- 149. Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia
- 150. European Space Agency
- 151. European Southern Observatory
- 152. Euro Space Research Org
- 153. European Training Foundation
- 154. European Union
- 155.Euro Comm for Control Foot-Mouth Disease
- 156. European Association of National Metrology Institute
- 157. European Atomic Energy Agency
- 158. Euro Org Safety Air Navig
- 159.Euro Comp for Finance Railway Rolling
 Stock
- 160. European Collaboration on Measurement Standards
- 161. Entente Council
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- 163. Group of 3
- 164. Group on Balkan Agreem. on Coop. on Tourism
- 165. Gulf Cooperation Council
- 166. Guidance Comm. for Road Safety in Nordic Cntry
- 167. Group of L/A & Carib. Sugar Exp. Countries
- 168. Gulf Org. for Industrial Consulting
- 169. Intl Assoc for Public Baths
- 170. Inter-Am Coffee Board
- 171. Inter-Am Children's Instite
- 172. Inter-Af Cmte Stat
- 173. Inter-Am Conf on Social Security
- 174. Inter Am Comm Women
- 175. Inter-American Development Bank

- 176. Inter-American Defense Board
- 177. Inter-Am Fed of Cotton
- 178. Inter American High Commission
- 179.Inter American Institute for Agricultural Sciences
- 180. Inter-American Investment Corporation
- 181. Inter-Arab Investment Guarantee Corp.
- 182. Inter-American Indian Insitit
- 183. Intl Advisory Cmte Long Distance Tele
- 184. Intl Af Migratory Locust Org
- 185. Inter-Af Phyto Convention
- 186. Inter-American Radio Office
- 187. Inter Am Trdmk Bureau
- 188. Intl Arbitration Trib at San Jose
- 189. Inter-Am Tropical Tuna Comm
- 190. Int Comm for Protection of Moselle
- 191.Intl Central American Office
- 192. Intl Comm of Cape Spartel Light
- 193.Int'l Comm. for the Hydrology of the Rhine Basin
- 194. Intl Comm Navigation of Congo
- 195. Int Comm Protect Rhine Pollution
- 196. Intl Conf Promoting Tech Unification
- 197.Intergov. Committee of the River Plate Basin
- 198.Intl Comm for the Oder
- 199.Intl Elbe Comm
- 200. Inter-Gov Authority on Drought Protection
- 201.International Institute for Water and Environment Engineering
- 202.Intl Moselle Comp
- 203. Instit Nutrition for Cent Am & Pan
- 204. InfoFish
- 205.InfoSAMAK
- 206. Inter-St Org. for Advanced Technicians of Hydraulics...
- 207. Intl Patent Institute
- 208. Int'l Pedological Instit
- 209. Intl Physiological Lab
- 210. Interstate Bank
- 211.Inter-State School for Hydraulic & Rural Engin...
- 212. International Sava River Basin Commission
- 213.International Tripartite Rubber Organization, Thailand
- 214. Intgvt TV & Radio Corp
- 215. Intl Union of Pruth
- 216. Joint Anti-Locust & Anti-Aviarian Org.
- 217. Joint Nordic Org. Lappish Culture & Reindeer
- 218.L/A Civil Aviation Comm.
- 219. Latin Am Center for Physics
- 220. Latin American Energy Org.
- 221.L/A Fisheries Devel. Org.
- 222. Latin American Free Trade Area
- 223. Latin Am Integration Assn

- 224.Latin American Institute of Educational Communication
- 225. Lake Chad Basin Comm
- 226. Liptako-Gourma Integrated Dev. Auth.
- 227. League of Arab States
- 228.Maritime Analysis and Operations Centre -Narcotics
- 229. Migration, Asylum, Refugees Regional Initiative
- 230.Multi-Country Posts & Telecomm. Training Center
- 231. Ministerial Conference of West & Central African States on Maritime (Maritime Organisation for West and Central Africa (MOWCA))
- 232. Mano River Union
- 233. Mercosur
- 234. Network of Aquaculture Centers in Asia-Pac
- 235. North American Free Trade Agreement
- 236. N. Am. Plant Protection Org.
- 237. Nordic Council of Ministers
- 238. Nordic Council for Reindeer Research
- 239. Nordic Council for Tax Research
- 240. Nordic Development Fund
- 241. North American Electric Reliability Corporation
- 242. Nordic Investment Bank
- 243. Nordic Patent Institute
- 244. Niger River Community
- 245. Nordic Telecommuncation Satellite Council
- 246. Nordic Centre for Welfare and Social Issues
- 247. Nordic World Heritage Foundation
- 248. Nordic Council
- 249.Org. Arab Petroleum Export. Countries
- 250. Pan-Am Union/Org of Am States
- 251.Org for African Unity
- 252. Common Afro-Malagasy Economic Org
- 253.Org. Central Am. States
- 254.Org. of Coord. for Control of Endemic Diseases in Cent. Afr.
- 255.Org. Eastern Caribbean States
- 256.Org for European Economic Coop
- 257.Org. Management & Dev. of Kaegara River
- 258. Gambia River Basin Dev. Org.
- 259. Agency for Prohib. of Nuclear Arms in Latin Am.
- 260.Oslo Commission
- 261.OSPAR Commission
- 262. Perm Assoc PanAm Highway Congresses
- 263. Pan-Am Health Org
- 264. Pan Am Instit of Geog & Hist
- 265.Pan-African Parliament
- 266.Pan African Postal Union
- 267. Paris Commission
- 268.Perm Comm for Conserv Maritime South Pacific

- 269. Pole European de Development
- 270. Pacific Island Forum
- 271. Port Management Assoc. of E. and S. Africa
- 272.Perm. Sec. of the S. Am. Agr. on Narcotic Drugs
- 273. Pref Trade Area: S & E Africa
- 274. Reg. Afr. Satellite Comm. Org.
- 275.Reg. Council for Adult Educ. & Literacy in Africa
- 276.Regional Centre on Small Arms and Light Weapons
- 277. International Regional Organization against Plant & Animal Disease
- 278. Rio Group
- 279. Special Arab Aid Fund for Africa
- 280. South Asian Assoc Regional Coop
- 281.S. Asia Coop. Environment Prog.
- 282. Southern African Customs Union
- 283. Southern African Dev. Community
- 284. Southern African Dev. Coordination Conf.
- 285. Societe arabe des mines de l'Inchiri
- 286. South African Regional Tourism Council
- 287. Suez Canal Administration
- 288. Scientific Council in SSA
- 289. Group of Schengen
- 290. Shanghai Cooperation Organisation
- 291. Southeast Asian Minist. of Educ. Org.
- 292. Latin American Economic System

- 293. Central American Integration System
- 294. General Treaty on Central American Economic Integration\Secretariat for the Central American Economic Integration
- 295. South Pacific Comm
- 296. Senegal River Dev. Org.
- 297. South & West Asia Postal Union
- 298. Southwest Pacific Dialogue
- 299. Joint Admin. of Turkish Culture & Arts
- 300. United Arab Shipping Co.
- 301. Union of Banana Exporting Countries
- 302. Central African Customs & Economic Union
- 303. West African Economic & Monetary Union
- 304. Union for International Use of Carriages & Vans
- 305. Central African Monetary Union
- 306. West African Monetary Union
- 307. Univ. of South Pacific
- 308. Vision & Strategies Around Baltic Sea
- 309. West Afr. Examinations Council
- 310. West African Health Community
- 311. West African Health Organization
- 312. Working Community of Danube Countries
- 313. Western European Union
- 314. West Nordic Fund
- 315. Warsaw Treaty Org

Appendix B: Average IO Corruption of Poland

This appendix provides another descriptive graph to illustrate historical developments of *Average IO Corruption* for individual countries. Poland sought membership in a number of more corrupt IOs—such as the Council of Baltic Sea States (CBSS), the Central European Initiative (CEI), and the Central European Trade Association (CEFTA)—after its independence at the end of the Cold War. Figure B.1 indicates that the country's *Average IO Corruption*—its participation in a network of highly corrupted IOs—is also followed by a worsening in Poland's national *Corruption* scores, although the worsening is more delayed than in the Thai case. This worsening trend is only temporary: the country also experienced a small improvement in national *Corruption* (i.e., scores declined), which coincided with a decline in its *Average IO Corruption* scores during the 1990s. After its accession to the EU in 2004, we observe only a very slight improvement in Poland's *Corruption* score, without a more sustainable improvement. This is interesting given the common notion that EU membership should have improved Poland's good governance more steadily.

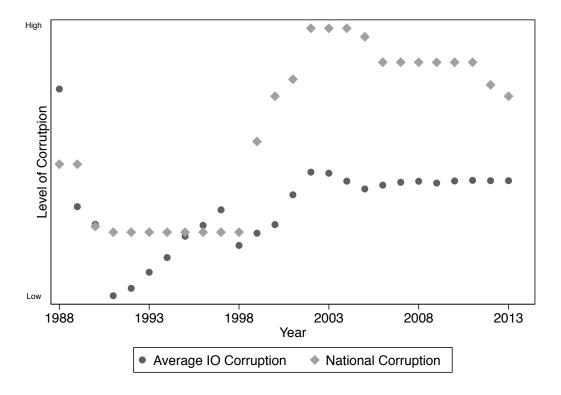


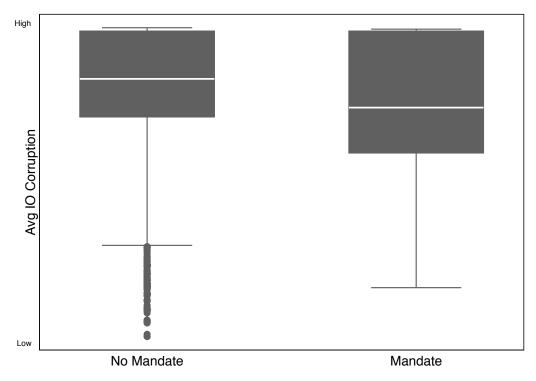
Figure B.1: Average IO Corruption and National Corruption of Poland

Appendix C: Descriptive Statistics

	Mean	SD	Min	Max
Corruption (ICRG)	-3.048406	1.325592	-6	0
Avg IO Corruption	-67.42174	27.78919	-163.8273	-26.39724
Avg IO Corruption	-2.538421	.881858	-5.261229	8074813
(Not Weighted)				
Democracy	2.233298	7.069598	-10	10
PC GDP (log)	8.459575	1.276875	5.091393	11.49428
PC GDP Growth (%)	1.91846	5.903578	-30.25499	58.00999
Trade Openness	.4426865	1.406337	0032219	19.11726
Regime Durability	25.73312	30.20132	0	196
Diffusion	-3.018933	.9869892	-6	3055556
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Appendix D: Avg IO Corruption and Anti-Corruption Mandates

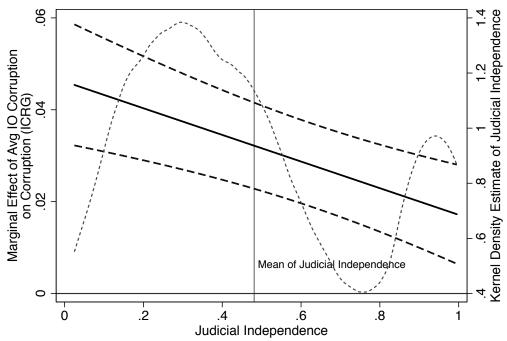
This appendix presents box plots for the variable *Avg IO Corruption*. The left-side plot represents IOs without mandates, while the right-side plot represents organizations with anti-corruption mandates.



Appendix E: Avg IO Corruption and National Corruption – Interaction with Rule of Law and Judicial Independence

	(1)	(2)
	Rule of Law	Judicial
		Independence
Avg IO Corruption	0.059**	0.046**
	(0.016)	(0.008)
Rule of Law	-0.982**	
	(0.321)	
Interaction	-0.009**	-0.029**
	(0.004)	(0.010)
Democracy	-0.002	0.006
	(0.014)	(0.022)
PC GDP (log)	0.118	0.011
	(0.221)	(0.216)
PC GDP Growth (%)	0.005	-0.001
	(0.006)	(0.004)
Trade Openness	0.058	0.010
	(0.051)	(0.020)
Regime Durability	0.008	-0.004
	(0.007)	(0.006)
Diffusion	0.017	0.246**
	(0.113)	(0.087)
Time Trend	0.089*	0.037
	(0.045)	(0.025)
Judicial Independence		-3.594**
		(1.059)
Constant	-0.050	1.241
	(2.033)	(1.772)
F-Test	16.621**	23.514**
R2	0.456	0.361
Observations	493	948

Standard errors in parentheses * p<0.10, ** p<0.05



Thick dashed lines give 90% confidence interval. Thin dashed line is a kernel density estimate of Judicial Independence.

Figure: The Effect of Avg IO Corruption for Different Levels of Domestic "Judicial Independence"

Appendix F: Avg IO Corruption and Corruption - Other Control Variables

To further check the robustness of our main findings, we now include different sets of additional control variables. First, we add a number of additional political control variables to the model that have been used in other empirical models of corruption (Model 1). Specifically, we control for the number of IO memberships a country has, inter- and intrastate conflict (data from the COW Intra-State and Inter State War Data sets), the amount of FDI inflows to a country as a share of that country's GDP (data are from UNCTAD), whether the country is a presidential system, the government's vote share, the mean district magnitude (log), and the percentage of Protestants. Data for political variables are from the Database of Political Institutions (Beck et al. 2001), while data for Protestants are from the World Religion Project. Second, we substitute our average Avg IO Corruption measure with a Maximum IO Corruption measure, under the logic that participation in even one highly member-corrupted IO—rather than the average across all memberships—could produce this effect (Model 2). This measure uses the highest corruption score of the IOs that a country is a member of. Third, we substitute our Polity measure for Democracy measure with data by Freedom House (Model 3). Forth, we exclude the measure for Diffusion to test whether the high correlation between Diffusion and Avg IO Corruption may affect the main results (Model 4). Finally, in Model 4 we use a different measure of diffusion. In particular, we add an explanatory variable measuring the average level of corruption in the country's home region, as defined by the Polity IV project. Our main findings are robust across all these specifications. Corruption appears to spread through IOs among members.

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
	Controls	Max	Freedom	No	Regional
			House	Diffusion	Diffusion
Avg IO Corruption	0.030***	0.019***	0.029***	0.034***	0.037***
	(0.009)	(0.003)	(0.005)	(0.005)	(0.005)
Democracy	-0.013	-0.034**	0.062	-0.023*	-0.021
	(0.022)	(0.014)	(0.045)	(0.013)	(0.013)
PC GDP (log)	0.296	-0.034	-0.098	-0.140	-0.116
	(0.251)	(0.219)	(0.211)	(0.211)	(0.217)
PC GDP Growth (%)	-0.006	0.001	0.002	0.004	0.004
	(0.008)	(0.004)	(0.004)	(0.003)	(0.003)
Trade Openness	0.007	0.011	0.018	0.003	0.004
-	(0.026)	(0.016)	(0.017)	(0.021)	(0.021)
Regime Durability	-0.006	-0.005	-0.003	-0.003	-0.004
- -	(0.009)	(0.005)	(0.005)	(0.005)	(0.005)
Presidential System	0.613***	0.553***	0.535***	0.506**	0.509**
,	(0.176)	(0.171)	(0.179)	(0.202)	(0.203)
Diffusion	0.172*	0.275***	0.252***	, ,	-0.191
	(0.096)	(0.076)	(0.082)		(0.119)
Time Trend	0.022	0.046*	0.019	0.050**	0.057**
	(0.047)	(0.024)	(0.022)	(0.025)	(0.024)
FDI Inflows (% GDP)	-0.714	, ,	,	, ,	, ,
,	(1.423)				
IO Memberships	0.014				
1	(0.025)				
Interstate Conflict	-0.266				
	(0.184)				
Intrastate Conflict	0.293**				
	(0.134)				
Government Vote (%)	0.003				
	(0.002)				
Mean District Magnitude	-0.000				
	(0.000)				
Protestant (%)	0.000				
(, 0)	(0.000)				
Constant	-3.791	-0.433	-0.026	-0.030	-0.458
- Caratair	(2.345)	(1.797)	(1.771)	(1.675)	(1.763)
Observations	387	945	951	1090	1090

Appendix G: Avg IO Corruption and Corruption – Other Corruption Measures

We now demonstrate that the findings are robust to using different measures of corruption. Model 1 uses the World Bank's World Governance Indicators (WGI) control of corruption score, which captures perceptions of the extent to which public power is exercised for private gain, as well as capture of the state by elites and private interests (Kaufman et al. 2010). Model 2 uses Transparency International's Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI) score, which measures the perceived level of public sector corruption in a country in a given year. The WGI is available from 1996-2002 (every two years) and then annually until 2013. CPI is available from 1995-2013. Since the methodology for the CPI index changed significantly in 2012, we only include data until 2011. We use the inverse of both indicators (averaged over three-year periods) such that larger values on each variable indicate more corruption. Model 3 uses the World Bank Enterprise Survey's data on bribery incidence, which measures the percentage of firms experiencing at least one bribe payment request. The Bribery Incidence data is available from 2006-2013, with different country coverage each year. Since data availability over time is much lower, we estimate the model without fixed effects, with robust standard errors. Since the dependent variable Bribery (Incidence) is not normally distributed, we use its natural log. Note, that the inclusion of *Diffusion* leads to a large loss of information in the Model 3. In Model 4, we estimate the Bribery model, but exclude Diffusion to make sure the results are not driven by this loss of data.

In all models, Avg IO Corruption is estimated in the way described in the research design above using these different underlying data, which cover slightly different countries and time periods. The results indicate positive and significant effects for all five specifications. An increase of a country's Avg IO Corruption in a corrupt IO network leads to an increase in the perception of domestic Corruption no matter which index is used.

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
	WGI	CPI	Bribery I	Bribery II
Avg IO Corruption	0.005**	0.002*	0.017*	0.007***
	(0.002)	(0.001)	(0.009)	(0.001)
Democracy	-0.018**	-0.005	-0.041	-0.036**
	(0.008)	(0.012)	(0.034)	(0.016)
PC GDP (log)	-0.158	-0.329	0.025	-0.126*
	(0.099)	(0.295)	(0.230)	(0.064)
PC GDP Growth (%)	0.000	0.005	-0.019	-0.014
	(0.002)	(0.008)	(0.012)	(0.011)
Trade Openness	-0.000	-0.017	-0.036	0.018
	(0.025)	(0.024)	(0.159)	(0.081)
Regime Durability	-0.004	-0.008	-0.018*	-0.008
	(0.004)	(0.007)	(0.010)	(0.007)
Presidential System	-0.021	-0.208	0.311	0.074
	(0.196)	(0.128)	(0.387)	(0.168)
Diffusion	-0.037	-0.113	-0.119	
	(0.037)	(0.101)	(0.436)	

Time Trend	0.078***	0.100**		
	(0.027)	(0.048)		
Constant	-0.877	-1.895	1.177	3.399***
	(0.838)	(2.488)	(1.752)	(0.579)
Observations	601	457	33	98

Appendix H: Avg IO Corruption and Corruption – Other Good Governance Measures

Whereas our theoretical focus is on the spread of corruption, one could argue that IOs may have effects on other indicators of good governance as well. Here, we analyze whether our statistical results transfer to other indicators of good governance. In Model 1, we rely on the World Bank's WGI indicator of Voice and Accountability to capture perceptions of the extent to which a country's citizens are able to participate in selecting their government, as well as freedom of expression, freedom of association, and a free media. Model 2 relies on their indicator of the Rule of Law to gauge perceptions of the extent to which agents have confidence in and abide by the rules of society, and in particular the quality of contract enforcement, property rights, the police, and the courts, as well as the likelihood of crime and violence. Regulatory Quality (Model 3) captures perceptions of the ability of the government to formulate and implement sound policies and regulations that permit and promote private sector development. Government Effectiveness (Model 4) captures perceptions of the quality of public services, the quality of the civil service and the degree of its independence from political pressures, the quality of policy formulation and implementation, and the credibility of the government's commitment to such policies. For all indicators, we calculated the relevant Avg IO Corruption scores, such that for example the level of regulatory quality in a country is affected by the Avg IO Corruption of that country in regional organizations with different average levels of regulatory quality. The results show that our findings on the diffusion of corruption carry over to some other governance indicators (with the exception of the Rule of Law and the Government Effectiveness indicators).

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
	Voice and	Rule of	Regulatory	Government
	Accountability	Law	Quality	Effectiveness
Avg IO Governance	0.004***	0.001	0.003**	0.002
	(0.001)	(0.001)	(0.001)	(0.001)
Democracy	-0.065***	-0.030***	-0.019**	-0.019***
	(0.008)	(0.008)	(0.008)	(0.007)
PC GDP (log)	-0.042	-0.095	-0.245***	-0.048
· -	(0.065)	(0.088)	(0.084)	(0.079)
PC GDP Growth (%)	0.002	0.000	0.000	0.001
	(0.001)	(0.002)	(0.002)	(0.002)
Trade Openness	0.006	0.012	-0.002	-0.013
	(0.012)	(0.016)	(0.007)	(0.014)
Regime Durability	-0.006**	-0.008	-0.005**	-0.010***
	(0.003)	(0.005)	(0.002)	(0.003)
Diffusion	0.017	0.048	-0.021	-0.002
	(0.032)	(0.042)	(0.033)	(0.033)
Time Trend	0.064***	0.018	0.068***	0.035
	(0.020)	(0.022)	(0.024)	(0.022)
Constant	-1.612***	-1.348*	-0.706	-1.808***
	(0.531)	(0.749)	(0.660)	(0.637)
Observations	611	611	610	610

Appendix I: Avg IO Corruption and Corruption – Different IO Types

Here, we analyze the effect of *Avg IO Corruption* for different types of international organizations, as perhaps corruption is more likely to occur and spread through certain types of organizations. Model 1 includes a measure of *Avg IO Corruption* that is based on the entire sample of international organizations (including universal and cross-regional organizations). Model 2 generates *Avg IO Corruption* using only the sample of regional organizations that mainly focus on economic issues, such as trade and finance. Model 3 restricts the sample to regional organizations that focus on political issues, and Model 5 restricts the sample to regional organizations that focus on social issues. The effect of *Avg IO Corruption* is consistently positive and significant across all those specifications.

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
	All IOs	Economic	Political	Social
Avg IO Corruption	0.049***	0.021***	0.018***	0.017***
	(0.008)	(0.006)	(0.006)	(0.005)
Democracy	-0.029**	-0.035**	-0.038**	-0.037**
	(0.014)	(0.016)	(0.015)	(0.015)
PC GDP (log)	-0.063	-0.049	0.108	0.036
	(0.211)	(0.211)	(0.175)	(0.182)
PC GDP Growth (%)	0.001	0.000	0.001	0.001
	(0.004)	(0.004)	(0.004)	(0.004)
Trade Openness	0.015	0.019	0.012	0.013
	(0.018)	(0.019)	(0.017)	(0.019)
Regime Durability	-0.006	-0.006	-0.008	-0.006
	(0.006)	(0.006)	(0.006)	(0.007)
Diffusion	0.213***	0.308***	0.290***	0.299***
	(0.076)	(0.083)	(0.077)	(0.081)
Time Trend	-0.012	0.054**	0.053**	0.053**
	(0.030)	(0.026)	(0.024)	(0.024)
Constant	1.581	-0.328	-1.864	-1.269
	(1.826)	(1.784)	(1.494)	(1.564)
Observations	951.000	938.000	935.000	886.000

Appendix J: Avg IO Corruption and Corruption - Model Specification

We now analyze the robustness of our results to changes in the model specification. Model 1 adds a lagged dependent variable. Model 2 estimates a random effects model and Model 3 uses a between-effects estimator. Model 4 includes country and period fixed effects, and Model 5 includes region and period fixed effects. The results are robust to these alternative model specifications.

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
	LDV	ŘÉ	BÉ	Period FE	Region FE
LDV	0.506***				
	(0.032)				
Avg IO Corruption	0.018***	0.021***	0.013**	0.022***	0.022***
-	(0.004)	(0.004)	(0.005)	(0.006)	(0.005)
Democracy	-0.013	-0.028***	-0.027**	-0.029*	-0.029***
	(0.009)	(0.010)	(0.013)	(0.015)	(0.011)
PC GDP (log)	-0.065	-0.045	-0.175**	-0.041	-0.187*
	(0.129)	(0.074)	(0.073)	(0.220)	(0.104)
PC GDP Growth (%)	-0.002	0.000	-0.001	-0.000	-0.001
	(0.003)	(0.004)	(0.026)	(0.004)	(0.004)
Trade Openness	0.008	0.007	-0.027	0.014	0.003
	(0.012)	(0.014)	(0.056)	(0.020)	(0.017)
Regime Durability	-0.001	-0.007***	-0.009***	-0.007	-0.007**
	(0.004)	(0.003)	(0.002)	(0.006)	(0.003)
Diffusion	0.149***	0.257***	0.202	0.203**	0.216**
	(0.053)	(0.075)	(0.122)	(0.091)	(0.085)
Time Trend	0.038**	0.061***	0.206**		0.063***
	(0.017)	(0.022)	(0.085)		(0.023)
Constant	0.605	-0.527	-0.728	-0.519	0.981
	(1.085)	(0.497)	(0.629)	(1.870)	(0.978)
Country FE	Yes	No	No	Yes	No
Region FE	No	No	No	No	Yes
Period FE	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
Between-Effects	No	No	Yes	No	No
Observations	823	948	948	948	816
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Appendix K: Avg IO Corruption and Corruption – Time Periods

Models 1 and 2 estimate our main model using annual data. Since we would not expect an immediate effect of *Avg IO Corruption* on national corruption, we lag *Avg IO Corruption* by one year (Model 1) and two years (Model 2). Model 3 estimates our main model using five-year period data, and Model 4 analyzes a single cross section. Our main findings are robust to these alterations.

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
	Annual	Annual	5-year	Cross-Section
	(t-1)	(t-2)	periods	
Avg IO Corruption	0.006**	0.004**	0.026**	0.021**
	(0.001)	(0.001)	(0.007)	(0.005)
Democracy	-0.037**	-0.038**	-0.013	-0.014
	(0.013)	(0.013)	(0.016)	(0.012)
PC GDP (log)	0.040	0.052	0.097	-0.109
	(0.190)	(0.191)	(0.248)	(0.069)
PC GDP Growth (%)	-0.001	-0.001	-0.005	-0.005
	(0.002)	(0.002)	(0.007)	(0.027)
Trade Openness	0.007	0.007	0.029*	-0.050
	(0.016)	(0.016)	(0.016)	(0.053)
Regime Durability	-0.004	-0.004	-0.001	-0.010**
	(0.005)	(0.005)	(0.007)	(0.002)
Diffusion	0.354**	0.366**	0.309**	0.105
	(0.058)	(0.059)	(0.092)	(0.102)
Time Trend	0.035**	0.039**	0.052	
	(0.007)	(0.008)	(0.052)	
Constant	-72.504**	-79.065**	-1.252	-0.011
	(14.179)	(14.390)	(2.039)	(0.434)
Observations	2708	2704	484	128

Standard errors in parentheses * p<0.10, ** p<0.05