

Criminological Colloquium

The KfN cordially invites you to the following guest lecture:

Sexual Corruption: Understanding, Measuring, and Preventing a Hidden Abuse of Power

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Time: Tuesday, 06th October 2026, 18:00 to 19:30

Location: online

Note: As the title and abstract already suggest, this is an English lecture.

Subject of the lecture:

Sexual corruption is the abuse of power for sexual gain. It is a particularly insidious and widespread form of corruption, yet until recently, it was strikingly overlooked. When sex is the currency, the abuse of power can disappear from view.

This talk addresses three challenges: how to conceptualize sexual corruption, how to measure it, and how to prevent it.

The talk anchors the conceptualization of sexual corruption in the abuse of power, offering a definition and description of its elements, forms, and delimitations. It outlines emerging research on its prevalence and discusses ethical and methodological challenges in measuring it. Finally, it maps the legal status of sexual corruption as a crime and discusses ways forward for avoiding impunity and building institutional accountability.

Participation requirements:

Registration via our [online form](#) is required to participate. You will receive the participation link directly after registering, so registration can also be completed at very short notice. Participation is free of charge. Upon request, a certificate of participation can be issued and will be sent by email in the days following the event.

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