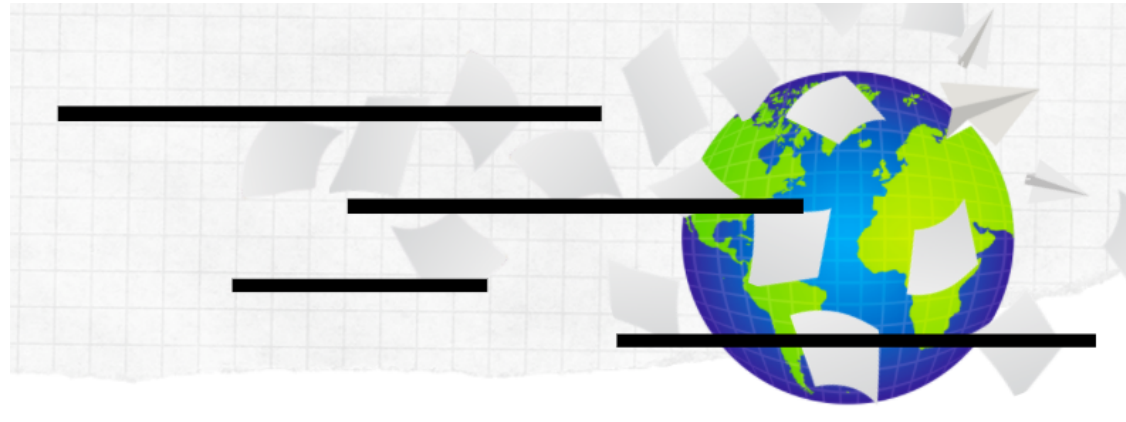




Anti-Corruption Evidence Research Programme



Hello all,

*Last month saw the **latest leak of documents** to reveal the vast scale of money laundering enabled by banks and regulators throughout the world. Following the [Panama](#) and [Paradise Papers](#), and the [Lux](#) and [Luanda](#) Leaks, the [FinCEN Files](#) once again shed light on how the global elite have been able to move vast sums of dirty money around the world, highlighting how some of the biggest banks and financial institutions have continued to allow suspicious transactions to take place.*

*At the heart of the FinCEN scandal is the leak of more than 2000 so-called Suspicious Activity Reports (SARs) filed with the US Treasury Department's Financial Crimes Enforcement Network. Details of these files and their links with illegal activities will doubtless **continue to emerge in the coming weeks and months**, but the initial information highlights not just the role of financial institutions, but also - as [Oliver](#)*

*Bullough has pointed out in his Oligarchy newsletter - the **signal failure of western politicians** to properly resource investigators and prosecutors to act on the SARs.*

*The FinCEN Files' revelations serve to underline the relevance of the focus on this month's newsletter: **promoting integrity in professional fields**, as well as one of the key GI-ACE themes on international architecture, which includes Jackie Harvey's recent piece on practical research on beneficial ownership.*

*Thank you,
Paul Heywood, Director of GI-ACE*





Cities of Integrity: Building Integrity in Urban Planners

Our [Cities of Integrity research team](#) closed off this year's [Southern Africa City Studies Conference](#) by bringing together leading voices on the topic of corruption and the desire for integrity in South Africa's local governance sphere. **Stephen Berrisford**, senior consultant on the GI-ACE project, drew on his extensive experience in urban law and policy to facilitate a [frank debate](#). Moreover, the team launched their [first animated video](#) in a series of three, showing the importance of promoting integrity in **urban development**.

The Interdependence of Ethics Codes

Surveying public servants on the (known limited) efficacy of ethics and disciplinary codes, **Jan-Hinrik Meyer-Sahling** and **Kim Sass Mikkelsen** recently

published an [article](#) in the Review of Public Personnel Administration on the interdependence of anti-corruption tools. Arguing that we need to consider baskets of tools, or frameworks, in our fight against corruption, the team [advocates](#) a move away from distinct and isolated anti-corruption interventions.



Revisiting the Gulnara Karimova Case

John Heathershaw and his team's research has taken a recent look at specific money laundering checks performed on African and Central Asian politically exposed people or 'PEPs' - those who hold positions of political power and their families - in the spheres of **banking, real estate, and reputation management**. The research looks at real life examples of properties in the UK purchased by such individuals, and examines whether current anti-money laundering regulations are strong enough to prevent potentially corrupt funds from entering the housing market. [One infamous example](#) is the £30 million worth of real estate purchased by Gulnara Karimova, the daughter of the first president of Uzbekistan, who lived the high life before her downfall saw her end up in jail.

NEW HIRES
welcome to the team!



Ambika Samarthya-Howard

Global Integrity Head of Communications

Ambika comes to us with extensive multimedia experience working with international non-governmental organizations. Having filmed and worked with communities and social change projects throughout Asia, Africa, and the U.S., she is focused on bringing fresh voices and formats to Global Integrity's work.



Aiysha Varraich

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Aiysha has been a PhD candidate in the Department of Political Science and the Quality of Government Institute since 2014. She is currently working with the GI-ACE Director to synthesize final programme results. Her research interests include clientelism, religion, trust, and corruption in developing countries.

PROJECTS
events and publications

Upcoming Events

GI-ACE researcher **Liz David-Barrett** presented some early results from **Thorsten Chmura's** project on [international deal-making, beliefs, and local social norms](#) at the [American Political Science Association Annual Meeting](#).

As finalists in the IMF Anti-Corruption Challenge, **Liz David-Barrett's** [research team](#) will be attending a virtual pitch event. [Read their submission](#) and join them on October 7th [here](#).

Is London the engine room of global corruption? Join **Tena Prelec** from the [testing and evidencing compliance with beneficial ownership checks](#) research team as she shares research insights and breaks down those enabling corruption in the West. Sign up [here](#) and tune in on October 7th.

In Case You Missed It

Listen to GI-ACE researcher **Stephen Berrisford** at the [Southern Africa City Studies Conference](#) as part of the [Cities of Integrity programme](#) that took place from August 31st to September 4th.

Researchers **Tom Mayne**, **John Heathershaw**, and **Tena Prelec** [shared findings](#) from their [project](#), touching on the nexus between money laundering and the UK real estate market, at the Transparency International UK Professionals (TIPS) session on September 28th.

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