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# Networks and grand corruption in Hungary. Exploratory analysis

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## **Research question**



- How organisational networks shape grand corruption?
- Context:
  - Hungary: high corruption environment
  - 2009-2012: two governments
  - public procurement (actors: issuers and winners): highly affected area, key in linking public and private spheres







- Policy relevance:
  - lot of taxpayer's money
  - Going at the heart of how power is exercised
- Scientific relevance
  - Measurement: unique, high potential
  - Theoretical: fit with models of state capture (potentially: how such networks evolve)







- Corruption/particularism
- Grand/institutionalised corruption
- Corruption risk







- Corruption and networks:
  - Small-n studies: case studies
  - Perception surveys
  - Objective data (data from actors' behaviour)
- Theoretical models: e.g. Grzymala-Busse, Wedel, Szántó-Tóth
- Dark networks: e.g. Everton



### Data from here...







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	Jogviszony kezdete: 2009/06/08

A változás időpontja: 2012/10/10







- Only official sources: administrative data
- Characteristics
  - Low random measurement error: official records, fine attached to precision, many people checking quality (still there are surprising data errors!)
  - High systematic error as they are often gamed for purposes relevant to our research: we track this as much as possible



## Database (MaKAB)



- Three-mode: issuers, winners, brokers (+courts, losers)
- There are also links within the same mode:
  - Consortia
  - Centralised procurement
  - Same organisation is procurer as well as winner
- Data also on individual officeholders
- Time series (daily data)



### Database: some stats



• Scope of the database

	N contract	N issuer	N winne	total contract value (HUF)	total contract value (% of GDP)
2009-2010	28751	3486	7677	2,283,739,982,451	4.1%
2011-2012	28122	4027	9463	1,867,989,985,567	3.6%

 OECD (upper-bound) estimate of total PP (2008):

### 20% of HU GDP

 Similar databases in Cz and Sk cover 7-9% of GDP



Variables



• Corruption risk index (CRI)

CRI = (pr\_egyajtev + pr\_eljscore + pr\_s\_b + pr\_felth + pr\_bszla + pr\_hatid + pr\_najf + pr\_szm + pr\_pm + pr\_polconn + r\_mrktsh)/12

### $0 \leq CRI \leq 1$

• (CRI<sub>c</sub>) contracts; (CRI<sub>I</sub>) issuers; (CRI<sub>w</sub>) winners



### Variables



- CRI reflects the characteristics of transactions some of which define the network
  - IN the network: contract award
  - OUT of the network: call for tenders, court decisions

### • More info in:

Fazekas, Mihály, István János Tóth, and Lawrence P King, 2012. "When government serves the interests of the few: Corruption and state capacity in Hungarian public organisations." Hungarian Economic Association: Annual Conference 2012, Budapest: Hungarian Economic Association.



### CRI: 2009-2012, total sample





# Marked increase in 2011, then decline to 2009-2010 average



### **Network data**



- Two-mode: issuer-winner
- Only big actors: 5+ contracts of >100k HUF
  - top 20% of actors
- Two time periods
  - 2009-2010: previous gov.
  - 2011-2012: current gov.
- Weighted graph
- Nod attributes: type, location, pp size, main market



## The BIG picture



• Network size

	N contract	N issuer I	N winner	N tie	total contract value (HUF)	total contract value (% of GDP)
2009-2010	19587	1143	1333	7888	1,310,429,672,011	2.3%
2011-2012	16742	996	1279	6336	1,401,500,173,083	2.7%

	Total contract value						
	(% of GDP)						
	dataset	network sample					
2009-2010	4.1% →	2.3%					
2011-2012	3.6% →	2.7%					





Mean = 0.25 Std. Dev. = 0.074 N = 996

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### Network: 2009-2010





Spring embedding, CRI, k-cores, weighted



### Network: 2011-2012





Spring embedding, CRI, k-cores, weighted





### • Little difference between the two periods overall

	Density	Avg. Dist.	Radius	Diameter	Fragment.	Transitiv.	Norm. Dist.
2009-2010	0.005	4.505	1	11	0.010	0.222	0.337
2011-2012	0.005	4.599	1	14	0.044	0.210	0.343

CRI and centrality weakly related



**Bi-variate results: CRI vs k-cores** 



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# Issuers and winners taken together



 Similar results for separate issuer, winner samples



### **Regression results: issuers**



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dep var.:corr. risk index		2009-2010	)	2011-2012			
	R2=0.18			R2=0.09			
	standard Sig. (2-				standard.	Sig. (2-	
	В	. B	tailed)	В	В	tailed)	
(Constant)	0.281	0.281	0.001	0.282	0.282	0.001	
Betweenness	-1.61	-0.078	0.007				
Closeness				0.000	-0.060	0.121	
kcores (ref.cat:kcores1)							
kcores2	-0.024	-0.106	0.076	0.000	-0.001	0.988	
kcores3	-0.026	-0.135	0.046	-0.006	-0.036	0.488	
kcores4	-0.016	-0.080	0.215	-0.006	-0.031	0.519	
kcores5	-0.035	-0.177	0.007	-0.023	-0.105	0.022	
kcores6	-0.042	-0.164	0.001	-0.013	-0.043	0.263	
kcores7	-0.013	-0.025	0.406	0.012	0.024	0.487	
control vars.: organisation type, region, pp size, main market sector							
bootstrap results are based on 800 bootstrap samples							

- Centrality and k-cores have negative impact
- Impact greatly weakens by 2011-2012



### **Regression results: winners**



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dep var.:corr. risk index		2009-2010	)	2011-2012			
	R2=0.12			R2=0.08			
		standard.	Sig. (2-		standard.	Sig. (2-	
	В	В	tailed)	В	В	tailed)	
(Constant)	0.225	0.228	0.001	0.217	0.217	0.001	
Betweenness	-1.898	-0.079	0.017				
Eigenvect				-0.150	-0.042	0.360	
kcores (ref.cat:kcores1)							
kcores2	0.007	-0.027	0.37	0.037	0.174	0.001	
kcores3	0.010	0.026	0.192	0.041	0.186	0.001	
kcores4	0.025	0.049	0.006	0.039	0.169	0.001	
kcores5	0.008	0.091	0.32	0.033	0.119	0.002	
kcores6	0.007	-0.004	0.433	0.061	0.165	0.001	
kcores7	0.034	-0.037	0.007	0.087	0.153	0.001	
control vars.: region, pp size, main market sector							
bootstrap results are based on 800 bootstrap samples							

- k-cores have positive impact
- Impact greatly strengthens by 2011-2012







• WE GOT: measurable relationship between network characteristics and corruption risk

• WE DIDN'T GET: clear understanding of the mechanisms generating the relationships







- Interpretations
- Longer time series (2005-2012)
- Full dataset
- More attributes (i.e. political ties, net sales, profit. etc.)
- Proper time-series analysis





# Thank you very much for your attention!

# The presentation can be downloaded at <a href="http://www.crc.uni-corvinus.hu/index\_e.html">http://www.crc.uni-corvinus.hu/index\_e.html</a>