



# Academic Corruption: Culture and Trust in Indian Higher Education



## **Abstract:**

The presentation investigates academic corruption in India. The presentation is based on a modified case study that informs understanding of how corruption functions. The presenter's intent is neither to propose legislative efforts to stop such activities nor to suggest that the forms of corruption discussed is unique to India. The presentation employs a theory based on the idea of organizational culture to come to terms with what systemic corruption is and how those within the academy might best confront it. Professor Tierney's goal is to offer a working definition of corruption and to suggest that it destroys the very core of the university – honest academic inquiry and excellence in teaching and research.

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**(Chair: Professor Gerard A. Postiglione)**

## **About the speaker:**

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