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Title of Project:	Trust and Corruption
Type of Product (e.g., Book, Paper, Documentary Film, Serial Article):	Several papers, leading to a book examining the link between trust and corruption cross-nationally and esp. in Romania and other transition countries.
Précis of 100 Words or Less:	There is a powerful relationship at the aggregate level between trust in other people and corruption. I examine the causal links at both the individual and aggregate level, finding that trust seems to matter more (counter-intuitively) in wealthier richer democracies than in countries in transition. For transition countries, in particular, corruption is more strongly related to trust in government than to trust in other people.
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Projected Completion Date:	Ongoing research agenda
Presentation or Publication Date:	<p>“Trust and Corruption,” in Johann Graf Lambsdorf, Markus Taube, and Matthias Schramm, eds., <u>Corruption and the New Institutional Economics</u> (London: Routledge, 2004, forthcoming).</p> <p>(with Gabriel Badescu) “Honesty, Trust, and Legal Norms in the Transition to Democracy: Why Bo Rothstein Is Better Able to Explain Sweden than Romania,” in Janos Kornai, Susan Rose-Ackerman, and Bo Rothstein, eds., <u>Creating Social Trust: Problems of Post-Socialist Transition</u> (New York: Palgrave, 2004, forthcoming).</p> <p>“Trust and Corruption: Their Effects on Poverty,” in Raul Atria and Marcelo Siles,</p>

	<p>eds., <u>Capital Social y Reducción de la Pobreza en América Latina y el Caribe: En Busca de un Nuevo Paradigma</u> (Santiago: Comision Economica para America Latina y el Caribe, United Nations, 2003, translated into Spanish).</p>
<p>Presentation or Publication Venue:</p>	<p>Invited paper, “Trust and Corruption,” for the Conference on “Political Scandals: Past and Present,” University of Salford (UK), June 21-23, 2001.</p> <p>Invited paper, “Trust and Corruption: Their Effects on Poverty,” for the Conference, “Toward a New Paradigm: Social Capital and Poverty Reduction in Latin America and the Caribbean,” sponsored by the World Bank, the United Nations, and the Social Capital Initiative of Michigan State University, Santiago, Chile, September 24-26, 2001.</p> <p>(with Gabriel Badescu): Invited paper, “Honesty, Trust, and Legal Norms in the Transition to Democracy: Why Bo Rothstein Is Better Able to Explain Sweden than Romania,” for the Collegium Budapest Project on Honesty and Trust Conference, Workshop on Formal and Informal Cooperation, November 22-23, 2002; at the Conference on “Corrupt Transactions Exploring the Analytical Capacity of Institutional Economics,” University of Göttingen, Göttingen, Germany, November 15-16 2002; and at the International Institute in Institutional Analysis of the University of Tubingen (Germany), Sofia, Bulgaria, August 31-September 7, 2003.</p> <p>Invited keynote speaker, “Tax Evasion, Trust, and the Strong Arm of the Law,” Conference on “Tax Evasion, Trust, and</p>

	State Capacities,” St. Gallen University, St. Gallen, Switzerland, October 17-19, 2003.
Original Language:	English
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Relation to Other Efforts, Follow-on Projects (If Any):	Based upon my book, <i>The Moral Foundations of Trust</i> (Cambridge University Press, 2002).
Available in Hardcopy or Electronically (Y/N):	Yes, at <a href="http://www.bsos.umd.edu/gvpt/uslaner">http://www.bsos.umd.edu/gvpt/uslaner</a>