

Corruption & state capture

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The term state capture is a new expression whose definition is causing scientists a lot of trouble. In the Slovene scientific literature, its translation equivalent, *kriminalni prevzem države*, has only been used a few times so far. We defined it in terms of three entities for our analyses: the first is the one taking over the private or the public sector; the second is what is taken over, e.g. the laws or state; and the last which public loses and suffers. We shed light on some specific characteristics of the transition countries (especially the post-communist countries) and give reasons why wide acceptance of the concept of state capture is necessary for studying non-transparent activities in these countries. We also present a BEEPS study (Business Environment and Enterprise Performance Survey) made by the World Bank and highlight some individual entities constituting this phenomenon.

We criticise the existing state capture model and why it is not suitable for transition countries. Finally, we emphasise the importance of the reforms in transition countries and raise some questions about the results of such research in Slovenia and in other countries.

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