Corruption continues to shape Puerto Rico’s contemporary history and is arguably a central element of today’s global capitalism. From the debt crisis and its undemocratic restructuring process; the fatal mishandling of post-Maria recovery efforts; to the chaotic management of the COVID-19 pandemic, corruption practices and discourses have been at the core of these contemporary conflicts. Despite its centrality in Puerto Rican politics and popular struggles, critical studies on corruption have been too sporadic to generate the sustained conversations it deserves. This call for papers seeks manuscripts that critically evaluate corruption and associated struggles in Puerto Rico. Rather than considering corruption as an individual act expressive of the person’s moral position, or a legal deficiency of liberal democratic governance, we invite critical analyses that mobilize understandings of (anti)corruption, as a systemic phenomenon arising from structural processes and struggles. We welcome theoretical and/or empirical manuscripts from multiple disciplines that advance these conceptualizations of corruption and anticorruption in Puerto Rico.

We invite papers (in English or Spanish) that engage any of the following issues, though not exhaustively:

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- Critiques to individualistic and legalistic approach to corruption;
- Corruption and environmental issues;
- Puerto Rican grassroot and community-based struggles against corruption;
- Gender, sexuality and corruption;
- Race, class and corruption;
- Neoliberalism, privatization and corruption;
- History of corruption and anticorruption in PR;
- Corruption in/and Debt;
- Corruption in/and Privatization;
- Corruption in/and Post-Maria recovery;
- Corruption in/and Post-Earthquakes recovery;
- Corruption in/and COVID-19.

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