There has been a rapid scaling up of anti-corruption initiatives since the mid-1990s, and anti-corruption programs are now a core part of development policy and practice. A new book by Development Policy Centre Research Fellow Grant Walton examines the relevance of anti-corruption discourse in Papua New Guinea (PNG), one of the most culturally rich and ‘corrupt’ countries on earth.

Anti-corruption and its discontents: local, national and international perspectives on corruption in Papua New Guinea critically examines the collision of international, national and local perspectives on corruption, challenging international assumptions about corruption and how it should be fought in developing countries.

In this event, author Grant Walton will speak on his findings, while Sam Koim, the former head of PNG’s anti-corruption Investigation Task-Force Sweep, will officially launch the book.

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