



Foreword by the Editor-in-Chief

With the grace and guidance of God, the second issue of the peer-reviewed scientific journal Governance, Preventing and Combating Corruption (JGPCC) has been officially released. This publication forms an integral part of the strategic framework and operational agenda of the Administrative Control Authority (ACA) and reflects the ongoing efforts of the Egyptian Anti-Corruption Academy (EACA). It reinforces the Academy's steadfast commitment to promoting scientific advancement and positioning itself as a leading platform for researchers and professionals dedicated to the study of preventing and combating corruption. Furthermore, it supports scholarly inquiry across a range of interrelated disciplines—including law, public administration, economics, and other fields—that collectively enhance national and institutional capacities to address the risks and challenges of corruption while contributing to broader development objectives.

Following the publication of its inaugural issue, the journal received notable acclaim across various academic and professional levels, as evidenced by data from the Egyptian Knowledge Bank (EKB). From the initial release in late September 2024 through March 2025, the journal's content was accessed and downloaded across 68 countries, with 5,737 views and 6,425 downloads of the first issue. Nationally, Egyptian researchers accounted for 4,505 downloads, while 1,920 downloads were recorded from other countries. For instance, in the Americas, the United States registered 319 downloads; in Europe, Germany recorded 28 downloads, Austria 18, and France 17. In Asia—including Arab countries—Saudi Arabia saw 245 downloads, Iraq 181, Jordan 58, and Kuwait 54. In Africa—including Arab countries—Algeria had 369 downloads, Morocco 140, and Libya 82. These statistics positively reflect the journal's success in achieving its intended impact: disseminating knowledge through scientific and methodological approaches to combat corruption, promote values of integrity and transparency, and support sustainable development by advancing the principles and practices of good governance.

Building upon the solid academic foundation laid in the first issue, the second issue is organized into four thematic sections:

- Section I: Combating and Preventing Corruption
- Featuring a research paper on the role of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) in combating corruption and the collaborative efforts among Islamic nations in this regard.
- Section II: Public Administration
- Including a study on best practices and challenges in implementing the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), with a case study focused on the Arab Republic of Egypt.
- Section III: Legal Studies
- Presenting research on the crime of money laundering and approaches to combating it using artificial intelligence technologies.
- Section IV: Interdisciplinary Fields
- Artificial Intelligence: An analytical study on ethical standards for designing and developing AI applications in the digital era.
- Social Marketing: A paper examining the effectiveness of social media influencers in raising awareness and combating corruption.

As the Journal of Governance, Preventing and Combating Corruption continues to advance its scholarly mission, it remains committed to diversifying its research areas while reinforcing governance principles and best practices for addressing corruption. It also strives to provide a rigorous and inclusive academic environment for researchers specializing in relevant domains. We pray to Almighty God for the continued success and sustainability of these efforts.

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