



EnTrust

Endogenous Institutional Trustworthiness

A conceptual and normative inquiry with the tools of analytical political philosophy

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Problem

Dysfunctional public institutions are not trustworthy



How may officeholders mutually trust their interrelated conduct to sustain the working of their institution?

Conjecture

Public institutions realizing *office accountability* are *endogenously trustworthy* because their internal architecture grounds officeholders' mutual trust that their interrelated action sustains the working of the institution → **constitutive relation** between **office accountability** and **endogenous institutional trustworthiness**

Method

Study *a negativo* of officeholders' reactions to institutional dysfunctions (e.g. corruption as contestatory action) as they offer a special insight about the relation between (deficits of) office accountability and (the lack of) endogenous institutional trustworthiness



Analysis of the various kinds of the mixed moral feelings (e.g., self-righteousness, anger, guilt or shame), more or less fittingly, associated with officeholders' contestatory reactions to institutional failures → **mobilization of internal resources of self-correction through officeholders' interrelated action**