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In this project, Silvia Marton will focus on the meaning of “corruption” by historicizing the concept and the practices historical actors defined as such in the process of infrastructure construction (notably railroads) in the nineteenth century. She examines the corruption scandals surrounding construction of infrastructure that generated and constantly reshaped colonial anxieties in the process of nation-state-building, when faced with Great Powers and their imperial and colonial-like aspirations of political and economic influence.

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