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Democracy as a form of government is useless if it is not working; if it does not satisfy a people's quest for good governance. It is not all governments that call themselves democracies are qualified to be so. There are true and false democracies. The dividing line between the two types of democracies is the place and level of involvement of the people in the administration of the state. True democracies are responsive, inclusive and equitable, accountable, effective, participatory and there is respect for the rule of law. Citizens in true democracies enjoy good governance. A true democracy is a democracy that works for a people. It works because of the relationship that exists between the state and the masses. The state actively promotes the wellbeing of the masses through effective and efficient management of the common resources. It also encourages masses effective participation in the administration of the state. This the state does through responsive and inclusive governance. The masses are transparently carried along by the state as it manages the common wealth. Where the state is responsive, transparent, accountable and inclusive, the masses would develop special trust and bond with the state. The masses would develop desire and test for democracy. They would be well disposed for democratic governance of the state. In recent time

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good governance has become a standard for measuring a working democracy. Thus in trying to determine how a democracy works in any land we have to determine how it has helped in improving the wellbeing of the masses as progressive beings through the lens of good governance principles. The good governance principles are: participation, equity and inclusiveness, responsiveness, accountability, transparency, efficiency and effectiveness and rule of law. Where the performance index of the state averagely is below minimum accepted standard, democracy is said not to be working. In the final analysis a democracy is said to be working if governance is responsive to the grievances, needs and aspirations of the people as progressive beings. Second democracy is said to be working where there is inclusive governance: where citizens enjoy equal opportunities to participate in the governance of the state and to develop themselves in ways and manners that suit their persons. Third democracy is said to be working where there is respect to the rule of law and citizens have confidence in the legal system of the land. In view of the above can we say that democracy in Nigeria is working?

The notion that the rule of law embodies or guarantees all the essential requirements for a perfectly just society is extravagant and naive. That said, it is certainly the case that the rule of law remains an essential human virtue whose usefulness the world has yet to outgrow. Using the rule of law as a mobilizing theme, this book recasts Western theories of law, good

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governance, and development in a Pacific perspective. While the author works primarily within a legal analytical framework, he employs a multifaceted approach to address the challenge of making Western theories relevant to the concrete and normative contexts of the Pacific peoples, and to accommodate Pacific values, ideologies, structures, and practices within the modern discourse on law.

With reference to Sri Lanka.

Legal Development, Good Governance, and the Rule of Law

Challenges and Prospects

On the Governance of Law

A Critical Analysis of the Political-Economic

Foundations of Corruption in Sub-Saharan Africa

Judicial Independence in China

The Different Meanings of Governance

Over the last decade in Kenya there has been a proliferation of laws, and even this increase is yet to meet the ever growing need for statutory regulations in many areas of governance, especially after the promulgation of our new Constitution in 2010. We need more laws and better policies to keep up with societal demands, and to chart our path to development as a nation. Better lawmaking has become a strategic component in the move towards upholding the rule of law and enhancing good governance in Kenya. Good legislative drafting, combined with appropriate information technologies, can provide all stakeholders with the legal information they need, and in particular can enable citizens to identify precisely their rights and

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obligations and courts to enforce the laws effectively, thereby improving governance in the nation. Members of civil society, parliamentarians, legislators, constituents and other stakeholders would stand to benefit from information on how an e-parliament model can improve checks and balances in government and create opportunities to realize access to information and accountability.

The rule of law plays a critical role in the functioning of a well-governed, stable country. Not only does it help to provide transparent and accountable governance and protection of minority and human rights, it is also necessary to create the conditions for private sector-led growth, job creation, and attracting foreign investment. It should come as no surprise that five of the eleven indicators used by the World Bank in its annual Doing Business report are related to the strength of legal institutions; without strong, impartial legal institutions and respect for the rule of law, private sector actors—local and foreign—cannot make the investments needed to grow economies and create employment opportunities. Rule of law, though, remains an area of limited investment by donors. Part of this stems from an overall lack of attention on good governance, but it also comes from a sense that genuine reform requires significant involvement in local politics, which is something that many donors have traditionally sought to avoid. There does, however, seem to be a window of opportunity to reexamine good governance and, by extension, the rule of law.

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the rule of law and good governance, and human rights in the post-Soviet space after 30 years from the USSR dissolution. In doing so, it assesses the presence (or absence) and the level of influence of the Soviet legacies in the constructed political and legal systems of the post-Soviet republics. Assessing whether individual's interests are protected in theory and practice, the book conceptualizes the legacies that the Soviet Union left in the post-Soviet space after 30 years of disintegration. This book will be of key interest to scholars and students of human rights, governance, democratization studies, post-Soviet and Russia studies, and more widely to comparative politics, political economy, humanitarian studies and political history.

Guide to Rule of Law Country Analysis

Rethinking the Governance Paradigm

Human Rights and Good Governance

Promotion and Maintenance of the Rule of Law and Good Governance

It's Time for an E-Parliament

Lessons for Global Rule of Law Promotion

Expert contributors examine the challenges of fully implementing the rule of law in South Korea's fledgling democracy and market economy. The expert contributors detail the obstacles that must be overcome, such as corruption in politics and corporate governance and a deep-rooted cultural indifference to the rights of the individual, and offer suggestions on what can—and what should not—be done.

Good governance and constitutionalism in East Africa : the contemporary relevance of the commonwealth, the Case of Tanzania / Ernest Mallya (p. 20-22). -- Sleeping giant or stealthy Nicodemus? a review of the role of the commonwealth in

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promoting the rule of law and good governance in Uganda / Daniel Ruhweza (p. 23-24). -- Old dominions or new territories : the role and relevance of the commonwealth in Kenya today / Otieno Aluoka (p. 25-27). -- Bursting from the seam? re-examining the role of the commonwealth in promoting good governance and constitutionalism / Anyang' Nyang'o (p. 38-48).

The authors examine their topics on the basis of theory, best practices, law, the experiences of societies undergoing democratic transition, and other empirical evidence, without attempting to come up with a common definition of good governance. The plurality of interpretations will hopefully further strengthen good governance and human rights as integral elements of a global agenda.

Empirical Approaches to the Rule of Law

The Inseparable Links

Corruption, Good Governance, and the African State

Action Against Corruption : Technical Cooperation, Including Resource Mobilization, and Coordination of Activities :

Cooperation with Other United Nations Bodies and Other Entities : Statement

State-Building, Rule of Law, Good Governance and Human Rights in Post-Soviet Space

This volume challenges the conventional wisdom about judicial independence in China and its relationship to economic growth, rule of law, human rights protection, and democracy. The volume adopts an interdisciplinary approach that places China's judicial reforms and the struggle to enhance the professionalism, authority, and independence of the judiciary within a broader comparative and developmental framework. Contributors debate the merits of international best practices and their applicability to China; provide new theoretical perspectives and empirical studies; and discuss civil,

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criminal, and administrative cases in urban and rural courts. This volume contributes to several fields, including law and development and the promotion of rule of law and good governance, globalization studies, neo-institutionalism and studies of the judiciary, the emerging literature on judicial reforms in authoritarian regimes, Asian legal studies, and comparative law more generally. 'Kronti ne Akwamu' Annual Democracy lecture delivered [i.e. delivered] by Professor Larry Diamonds [i.e. Diamond] at the British Council on February 29, 2005. This volume explores the various strategies, mechanisms, and processes that influence rule of law dynamics across borders and the national/international divide, illuminating the diverse paths of influence. It shows to what extent, and how, rule of law dynamics have changed in recent years, especially at the transnational and international levels of government. To explore these interactive dynamics, the volume adopts an interdisciplinary approach, bringing together the normative perspective of law with the analytical perspective of social sciences. The volume contributes to several fields, including studies of rule of law, law and development, and good governance; democratization; globalization studies; neo-institutionalism and judicial studies; international law, transnational governance, and the emerging literature on judicial reforms in authoritarian regimes; and comparative law (Islamic, African, Asian, Latin American legal systems).

The National Framework on Good Governance
The Rule of Law, Economic Development, and Corporate Governance

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An Exposition of Conditions and Features of a Functioning
Democracy

Education Law, Strategic Policy and Sustainable
Development in Africa

HURI-LAWS Legislative Agenda for Good Governance in
Nigeria, 1999-2004

Questioning the Contemporary Relevance of the
Commonwealth

**The first volume of Chinese Perspectives
on Human Rights and Good Governance
collects research articles regarding
human rights, good governance, rule of
law and Constitutionalism in China.**

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Offering an anthropological perspective, this volume explores the changing relations between law and governance, examining how changes in the structure of governance affect the relative social significance of law within situations of legal pluralism. The authors argue that there has been a re-regulation rather than a de-regulation, propagated by a plurality of regulative authorities and this re-regulation is accompanied by an increasing ideological dominance of rights talk and juridification of conflict. Drawing on insights into such processes, this volume explores the extent to which law is used both as a constitutive legitimation of governance and as the medium through which governance

processes take place. Highlighting some of the paradoxes and the unintended consequences of these regulating processes and the ensuing dynamics, Rules of Law and Laws of Ruling will be a valuable resource for researchers and students working in the areas of legal anthropology and governance.

Rule of Law Dynamics

Thirty Years Looking Back

The Rule of Law in South Korea

Modern Global and Regional Perspectives

**Good Governance and Constitutionalism
in East Africa**

Corruption in Asia

The White Paper of the Commission on European Governance focussed attention on the notion of good governance in the European Union. One of the possible criticisms on this White Paper is that it does not define the concept in any meaningful way. At the same time the Commission seems to try to re-invent the wheel without taking experiences from national and international legal systems into account. This book will approach the notion of good governance from three different angles. First it establishes whether it is a meaningful notion at all by taking a closer look at the parameters of good governance. What do we mean by the concept and is it appropriate to apply it in the current discussion on EU governance? What contribution is made in terms

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of deepening the discussion on each of the substantive criteria it enumerates? And, last but not least, what can we learn from the application of the concept in the national and international legal orders? Secondly, the authors look at the institutional translation of the criteria of good governance. Does the concept contribute to our thinking on issues such as the institutional balance and the horizontal and vertical delegation of powers as well as an (extra-) institutional role for civil society and for national actors? In other words: in what way could or should the notion of good governance help shape the future institutional configuration of the Union. In a third dimension, the concept may be analysed in relation to a number of substantive issues. Does the concept play a role in foreign, security and defence policy, in police and judicial cooperation or in economic or environmental law? And if so, how is it taken into account in these areas?

A passionate examination of why international anti-corruption fails to deliver results and how we should understand and build good governance.

This particular publication presents 21 case studies of governance reforms that have helped to better protect human rights. The title aims to help fill the gap between human rights standards and principles, on the one hand, and their implementation through governance interventions on the other. Those engaged in governance reforms frequently ask about the relevance of human rights, and how they can be

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meaningfully incorporated. Also once states have adopted appropriate legal frameworks, how can they and other social actors improve the implementation through further governance reforms. Divided into four sections, it addresses the key areas that need to be considered when embodying human rights as part of the government framework: Section 1: Strengthening democratic institutions; Section 2: Improving service delivery; Section 3: The rule of law; Section 4: Combating corruption.

The Rule of Law Strategic Framework; a Guide for Usaid Democracy and Governance Officers

Good Governance and the Rule of Law

Beyond Common Knowledge

The Quest for Good Governance

A Critical Building Block for Good Governance and Economic Growth

The Rule of Law

This book outlines the findings and suggestions of the Law and Society Association's International Research Collaborations, which focused on the African Union's Agenda 2063. This outlined the ideal Africa aspired to by the year 2063: 'the Africa we want'. The authors examine socio-economic rights issues and their impact on developing a strong educational agenda that can drive Africa to realize Agenda 2063. As Africa's development has remained slow in the face of many challenges, the need to embrace good governance, rule of law and human rights obligations are major tools to realize the continent's potential. The project focuses in particular on the central place of education law and

policy in achieving the goals of Agenda 2063. Multilateral and bilateral aid agencies now direct much of their East Asia activities to so-called "governance" reform. Almost every major development project in the region must now be justified in these terms and will usually involve an element of legal institutional reform, anti-corruption initiatives or strengthening of civil society - and often a mix of all of these. Most are, in fact, major exercises in social engineering. Aid agencies and major multilateral players like the IMF, the World Bank and the Asian Development Bank, are attempting not just to improve governance systems and combat corruption but, implicitly, to restructure entire national political systems and administrative structures. "Conditionality" puts real weight behind these projects. If successful, they could transform the face of East Asia. Defining "governance" and understanding "corruption" are therefore not minor issues of terminology. However, a great deal of optimism is required to believe that social engineering for good governance will succeed in either Indonesia or Vietnam within the foreseeable future. In Indonesia, there is neither the political will nor the mechanism to act, since the legal system is itself utterly corrupted. Better laws have been passed, but they fail in implementation. In Vietnam the problems are somewhat different, but the outcomes are similar. Corruption is widely recognised to be a major political, social and economic issue - even by the Party itself - but few cases are ever tried. The bureaucracy (including the legal system) and the party are so complicit that reform is impossible. These systemic problems point to the basic flaw in

the good governance agenda and strategy. A politically powerful alliance of foreign and domestic interests is necessary. Foreign multilateral agencies, donors and NGOs are able to set the international policy agenda, but their domestic allies are politically weak. In the absence of rule of law, the basic institutions of these transitional societies remain largely as they were and there is, as yet, no viable alternative system in either Indonesia or Vietnam. The argument of this book is that more might be achieved sooner by much better understanding of political, legal, commercial and social dynamics in Indonesia and Vietnam, not as they are meant to be but as they are. Multilateral agencies, donors, NGOs, business firms and scholars on the one hand; and local politicians, bureaucrats, business people, lawyers, journalists, academics, and NGOs on the other hand have much usefully to discuss. Only out of that dialogue, a dialogue between the world as it is and the world of ideals, can steady progress be made. This book examines these problems initially in an abstract theoretical sense before testing the frameworks thus established through a series of case studies of Indonesia and Vietnam, two very different Asian states: one (Vietnam) still socialist but in difficult transition from command economy to a limited market structure; the other (Indonesia) embracing a market economy and an emerging democratic system; one with a Confucian legal and political tradition, the other not; one with a socialist, the other a civil law, legal system. The book is divided into three parts. The first, "Frameworks", establishes some theoretical approaches to the problem of corruption and governance (including a East

European example). The second part looks at case studies from Indonesia; and the third part looks specifically at Vietnam. Relevant legislation and judicial decisions can be found in the table of cases and a detailed glossary and list of abbreviations will assist readers unfamiliar with the countries under examination.

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Spreading good governance is a key goal of political leaders and reformers – whether it is to improve cities, nations, regimes or institutions – because better-governed people are more likely to avoid civil conflict and obtain significant social returns. But just what is meant by “governance” at the national or international level? Is it a fuzzy concept, or is it a clear set of rules or norms? How can it help to strengthen societies and drive better policy? On Governance: What It Is, What It Measures and Its Policy Uses answers these questions. By proposing new theories for national and global governance, examining more than 90 governance indexes and analyzing best practices in governance, this volume suggests how policy makers can use governance theory and governance indexes to improve both domestic and multilateral decision making. World order depends on strengthened governance. On Governance spells out the meaning and the potential benefits of governance innovation for civil society and national policy makers. Building on the measured effects of policies in many dimensions of human existence, this book provides a guide to creating

more positive outcomes for people everywhere.

Good Governance and the European Union

***The Role of Legal and Judicial Reform in Promoting
the Rule of Law and Good Governance in Africa***

***Democratisation, the Rule of Law, Respect for Human
Rights and Good Governance***

Building Bridges

HURI-LAWS Legislative Agenda for Good Governance

What It Is, What It Means and Its Policy Uses

*An intensive global search is on for the "rule of law," the holy
grail of good governance, which has led to a dramatic
increase in judicial reform activities in developing countries.*

*Very little attention, however, has been paid to the widening
gap between theory and practice, or to the ongoing*

*disconnect between stated project goals and actual funded
activities. Beyond Common Knowledge examines the*

*standard methods of legal and judicial reform. Taking stock of
international experience in legal and judicial reform in Latin*

*America, Europe, India, and China, this volume answers key
questions in the judicial reform debate: What are the common*

*assumptions about the role of the courts in improving
economic growth and democratic politics? Do we expect too*

*much from the formal legal system? Is investing in judicial
reform projects a good strategy for getting at the problems of*

*governance that beset many developing countries? If not,
what are we missing?*

*This book tries to reunite and rebuild faith in public institutions
by highlighting the availability of judicial remedies for the poor*

*and the excluded in South Asia. The central idea of this book
is the inevitable link between judicial capacity and good*

*governance. It critically discusses the state of 'access to
justice' to the poor and addresses the problems of various*

*structures and procedures approached by the poor to seek
justice. The formal system remains locked in the whimsical*

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fantasies of the lawyers and the state structure which aborts the rule of law for the privileged and works in open defiance of the increasing disempowerment of the poor due to an overwhelming judiciary. This book highlights the growing need for restorative justice as against retributive and thus emphasizes a more intensive action research in alternative dispute resolution systems (ADRs). This argument is further developed to assess the competence of many people's led informal institutions of judiciary such as Saalish in Bangladesh, Jirgas in Pakistan or Lok Adalats in India. The book is also radical in its approach towards the use of alternative dispute resolution systems to support marginalized communities, including women in distress, through mediation and arbitration which are gaining a new intellectual space in justice discourse. This book is an indispensable guide to administrators, and social scientists interested in governance and legal research. It would also be useful for those working in the non-state sector of pro-poor reforms.

Grounded in history and written by a law professor, this book is a scholarly yet jargon-free explanation of the differences between the common and civil law concepts of the rule of law, and details how they developed out of two different cultural views of the relationships between law, individuals, and government. The author shows how those differences lead to differences in economic development, entrepreneurship, and corporate governance.

Agenda 2063

Reflections on Concepts, Institutions and Substance

Rules of Law and Laws of Ruling

Newspaper Contributions Made on Behalf of the Citizens' Movement for Good Governance, September 2005-March 2011

Rule of Law and Good Governance

On Governance

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Good Governance Concept and Context Oxford University Press

This book explores the creation, development, and impact of the concept of 'good governance'. It argues that, alongside the ideas of the rule of law and democracy, good governance acts as a third conceptual cornerstone of the modern state. Good governance can be viewed as a multilevel concept influenced by regional and international legal developments while being grounded in national administrative law. The book presents six principles of good governance: properness, transparency, participation, effectiveness, accountability, and human rights. The development of each of these principles on the national level is explored in a wide range of European contexts, and in Australia, Canada, and South Africa. As well as offering a fully up-to-date and comprehensive overview of administrative law in different jurisdictions, the book compares the implementation of the principles of good governance, taking into account international and European administrative law developments.

African states are often called corrupt, indicating that the political system in Africa differs from the one prevalent in economically advanced democracies. This, however, does not give us any insight into what makes corruption the dominant norm of African statehood. Thus we must turn to the overly neglected theoretical work on the political economy of Africa in order to determine how the poverty of governance in Africa is firmly anchored both in Africa's domestic socioeconomic reality, as well as in the region's role in the international economic order. Instead of focusing on increased monitoring, enforcement and formal

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democratic procedures, this book combines economic analysis with political theory in order to arrive at a better understanding of the political-economic roots of corruption in Sub-Saharan Africa.

Good Governance

Democracy and Good Governance in Kenya

Good Governance Practices for the Protection of Human Rights

Rule of Law, Legitimate Governance & Development in the Pacific

Democracy & Good Governance

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The purpose of the Guide to Rule of Law Country Analysis is to assist USAID Democracy and Governance (DG) officers in conducting a rule of law assessment and designing rule of law programs that have a direct impact on democratic development. There is a special focus on empowering poor and vulnerable groups and promoting economic development and security. Within USAID's DG assessment framework, five

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elements comprise democracy: rule of law; consensus; competition; inclusion; and good governance. This Guide presents a strategic framework for conceptualizing the rule of law, analyzing a country's strengths and weaknesses with regard to rule of law, and designing strategic programs to address rule of law challenges. It will help DG officers maximize the impact of rule of law programs on democracy and governance strategic objectives. The Guide reflects the understanding that the justice sector is part of the larger political context. Effective rule of law programming may need to look beyond traditional approaches that focus on operations of the courts and other components of the justice system. When the goal is democratic governance, the analysis that informs rule of law program decisions must be broad and comprehensive, and programming must reflect a holistic appreciation of country dynamics.

Seminar paper from the year 2010 in the subject Politics - Basics and General, grade: 1,00, Jacobs University Bremen gGmbH, language: English, abstract: Governance is more than an extensively used buzzword of social science literature over the last 20 years. Even though its manifestations have actually existed since the origin of human social thinking, it was not until recently that the concept was adopted, based on an understanding of the genuine realm of governance, encompassing the various facets of its existence.

Consequently, work on governance reflects the interest of the social science community in a shifting pattern of governing styles (Stoker 1998). It is this vast array of phenomena related to governance, which creates confusion and misperception about its actual meaning. Rhodes (1997, 52) points to this problem as it "would seem that governance has too many meanings to be useful." Systemic, managerial, political and further dimensions of governance compete for a functional definition. Hereby, the meaning is often fitted to a

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context which does not reduce its ambiguity. Hence, academic literature on governance is eclectic and relatively disjointed (Jessop 1995). The theoretical roots are among institutional economics, international relations, organizational studies, development studies, political science, and public administration. Moreover, it can be interpreted as descriptive term, analytical concept, and normative constitution (Nuscheler 2009, 9). This essay, unconstrained by any context of a particular study discipline or academic field, investigates different meanings of governance in a more theoretical manner. It aims at discussing some of the most widely used applications of the concept of governance in order to identify diverging strands of meaning as well as common assumptions. For this purpose, the paper looks at governance interpreted as voluntary exchange in the political arena. It explores the meaning of governance as code for a minimal state

Strengthening Governance through Access to Justice
The Relationship Between the Rule of Law, Good
Governance and Their Contribution Towards Sustainable
Human Development

In an Era of International and Transnational Governance
The Challenges of the Partnership Between the European
Union and the ACP States

Concept and Context
Democracy That Works