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How to Improve Governance Jun 18 2022 In recent years, the developing world has seen a burst of efforts to reduce corruption, increase transparency and accountability, and improve governance. Needless to say, this is an important and encouraging development. However, the lack of a reliable compass to describe where a country is at a given moment—and where it could be heading in the absence or acceptance of proposed reforms—can result in disastrous missteps. The unfortunate absence of such a guide has helped lead to innumerable failed governments or ineffective regimes. This important book aims to fill that void. *How to Improve Governance* emphasizes the need for an overall analytical framework that can be applied to different countries to help analyze their current situations, identify potential areas for improvement, and assess their relative feasibility and the steps needed to promote them. A country-specific analysis needs to be comprehensive, in the sense that it includes the four concepts of transparency, accountability, governance, and anticorruption throughout the calculus. Without such an analytic framework, any reform attempt is likely to flounder for lack of a shared understanding of the underlying problems and of the feasible reforms. The book gives special emphasis to the potential for civil

society groups to play a stronger role in holding governments accountable for their use of public resources, and to the importance of developing politically feasible, prioritized country strategies for reform. "Whether one looks at how to increase domestic demand for good governance, how to make government more accountable to the public, or how to build democratic processes that deliver results, the underlying issues are essentially the same.... As development actors of various types... seek to help, more and more of them are calling for a clearer conceptual framework to guide their efforts."—From the Introduction

Dismantling Privilege Dec 12 2021 Class and race are often assumed to be natural, biologically determined categories when in fact they are social constructs. Together with gender, these distinctions are perpetuated and exploited by the most powerful social group -- white male elites -- to maintain their privilege. Christian ethicist Mary Elizabeth Hobgood addresses these dynamics not only because they are unjust, but because they create isolation and spiritual impoverishment and promote cultural values that do harm to everyone irrespective of class, race, or gender. In "Dismantling Privilege" she identifies an ethical agenda for elites and seeks to persuade them that an agenda of justice and an ethics of accountability will be of primary benefit to them. The solution, Hobgood asserts, is a politics of solidarity grounded in the realization that no one is free until all are free.

Governance and Service Delivery Jan 13 2022 RTI International has extensive experience implementing international donor-funded programs and projects, including single-sector and multisector policy and service-delivery improvement efforts, as well as governance and public management reforms. Drawing on that experience, this collection examines six recent RTI International projects, funded mostly by the United States Agency for International Development, that pursued several different paths to integrating service delivery and governance through engaging citizens, public officials, and service providers on issues related to accountability and sectoral services. The six cases illustrate the multiple ways in which citizen participation in accountability, called social accountability, can lead to positive effects on governance, citizen empowerment, and service delivery. The analysis focuses on both the intended and actual effects, and unpacks the influence of context on implementation and the outcomes achieved.

Non-Negotiable Oct 10 2021 Do you ever find yourself questioning what you believe around issues that impact your life and business? Do you ever feel lost in your decisions? Are you ever frustrated in your lack of ability to take your life or business exactly where you know you

want to go? *Non-Negotiable* is all about understanding what you believe, what you can control, what your mission is and ultimately taking your convictions to the level of Non-Negotiable. Based on the real life story of J. Pat Hickman, a man with a purpose, and the bank he leads, Happy State Bank, you will see firsthand what success looks like. Sam Silverstein, champion of accountability, presents the inspiring story of how J. Pat Hickman transformed a sleepy small town bank from one location and \$10 million in assets into 34 locations and over \$2.5 billion in assets by knowing what he believes and not negotiating on what he holds dear. In the process, he assembled a team of leaders that understand what great culture looks like and a bank full of motivated people who love what they do. Read this book to: Discover and define your own Non-Negotiables Energize your ability to avoid distractions and make important decisions Establish a culture that promotes personal and organizational accountability Understand the power of true accountability Unleash the power of knowing what it is you truly believe

Stability Operations Feb 14 2022 The Department of Defense (DOD) has learned through the difficult experiences of both Iraq and Afghanistan that success is not only defined in military terms; it also involves rebuilding infrastructure, supporting economic development, establishing the rule of law, building accountable governance, establishing essential services, and building a capable host nation (HN) military responsible to civilian authority. The Department of State (DOS) is charged with responsibility for leading a whole-of-government approach to stabilization that includes the array of US Government (USG) departments and agencies, including DOD and component Services and agencies. Within this broad approach, the primary military contribution to stabilization is to protect and defend the population, facilitating the personal security of the people and, thus, creating a platform for political, economic, and human security. Initial response activities aim to provide a safe, secure environment and attend to the immediate humanitarian needs of a population. Transformational activities are generally a broad range of security, reconstruction, and capacity building efforts. Activities that foster sustainability encompass long-term efforts that capitalize on capacity building and reconstruction activities to establish conditions that enable sustainable development. During major operations and campaigns, stability operations are particularly emphasized following the achievement of major combat objectives. During crisis response and limited contingency operations, the balance of stability and combat operations varies widely with the circumstances. At the heart of the political problem lies a contest between the way political power is organized and who wields that power. Leaders of peacemaking

efforts will need to convince decisive elites that their interests are best served through an accommodation with the approved political settlement, rather than renewed conflict. This publication provides doctrine for the conduct of stability operations during joint operations within the broader context of USG efforts. It provides guidance for operating across the range of military operations to support USG agencies, foreign governments, and IGOs, or to lead such missions, tasks, and activities until it is feasible to transfer lead responsibility.

Towards Effective and Accountable Local Government in Ghana
Nov 11 2021

Program Evaluation Jul 07 2021 "To improve federal government performance and accountability, GPRAMA aims to ensure that agencies use performance information in decision making and holds them accountable for achieving results. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has encouraged agencies to strengthen their program evaluations- systematic studies of program performance-and expand their use in management and policy making. This report is one of a series in which GAO, as required by GPRAMA, examines the act's implementation. GAO examined federal agencies' capacity to conduct and use program evaluations and the activities and resources, including some related to GPRAMA, agencies found useful for building that capacity.GAO reviewed the literature to identify the key components and measures of evaluation capacity. GAO surveyed the PIOs of the 24 federal agencies subject to the Chief Financial Officers Act regarding their organizations' characteristics, expertise, and policies, and their observations on the usefulness of various resources and activities for building evaluation capacity. All 24 responded. GAO also interviewed OMB and Office of Personnel Management (OPM) staff about their capacity-building efforts."

I Am Accountable Sep 09 2021 In *I Am Accountable*, renowned speaker and consultant Sam Silverstein offers a proven three-step program for creating and supporting accountable teams and communities.Declaring that accountability is the highest form of leadership, Silverstein maintains that in any organization, the real problem is never the people. "The problem," he insists, "is what we, as leaders, believe about our people." His new book shows why everything we have been taught about accountability is wrong. Contrary to popular belief, accountability is not a way of doing. Accountability is a way of thinking-and specifically, it's how we think about our people.The secret to building accountable teams-the key to elevating the critical metric that Silverstein calls The Accountability Index¿-is building an accountable leadership mindset. *I Am Accountable* offers a comprehensive plan to help you leverage that mindset, using accountability to become a truly great leader, transform the culture within your organization, differentiate yourself and your team from the competition, and create lasting change in the larger community.

Sudan South Fishing and Aquaculture Industry Handbook: Strategic Information, Regulations, Opportunities Jul 27 2020 South Sudan Fishing and Aquaculture Industry Handbook - Strategic Information, Regulations, Opportunities

Settling Accounts Dec 24 2022 Drawing from ethnographic work in the former East Germany, and with select comparisons to other East-Central European states, author John Borneman looks at how former East bloc states are dealing with their criminal past. He maintains that to create a less violent world, democratic regimes should require accountability and hold leaders responsible for acts of criminality and moral injustices.

NGO Accountability Apr 16 2022 First Published in 2006. Routledge is an imprint of Taylor & Francis, an informa company.

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From Elections to Democracy Apr 28 2023 The countries of Central Europe in the first round for admission to the European Union have all established constitutional, electoral democracies and market economies. However, much remains to be done to achieve fully consolidated democratic states. This study documents the weaknesses of public oversight and participation in policymaking in Hungary and Poland, two of the most advanced countries in the region. It discusses five alternative routes to accountability including European Union oversight, constitutional institutions such as presidents and courts, devolution to lower-level governments, the use of neo-corporatist bodies, and open-ended participation rights. It urges more emphasis on the fifth option, public participation. Case studies of the environmental movement in Hungary and of student groups in Poland illustrate these general points. The book reviews the United States' experience of open-ended public participation and draws some lessons for the transition countries from the strengths and weaknesses of the American system.

Making Accountable Decisions Jan 25 2023 We struggle making decisions and most times we just wish someone would make them for us. What if that could all change and you could master the decisions you face in your life? The average person makes hundreds of decisions each day. They range from the ordinary and mundane to life-altering events. Many decisions we are faced with have little effect on our lives. They deal with the simple problems and require simple choices.

However, there are those decisions which impact our lives and the lives of those around us in very significant and consequential ways. In *Making Accountable Decisions*, Sam Silverstein presents ways to approach our life's decisions and how we interact with and affect others. He does this by focusing on the most substantial decisions in our lives, considering how they impact us and what decisions we can make to add value and meaning. Sam is the founder of The Accountability Movement™ and works with companies, government agencies and people around the world helping them build accountable cultures and live accountable lives. Building an accountable world is his life's mission. Some people choose to let life happen. Some people make it happen. What's your decision?

The Future of International Economic Law Apr 23 2020 This book comprises fifteen specially commissioned contributions from the Editorial Board of the Oxford Journal of International Economic Law in celebration of the Journal's tenth anniversary. The contributions examine various issues confronting the international economic regime today, and cover a wide range of international economic institutions such as the IMF, the World Bank, and the WTO. It pays particular attention to examining the WTO and its regulatory scope, its systemic and structural deficiencies, its role in development and in liberalising trade in services, its tense relationship to regionalism and to trade-related issues such as environment, competition and dispute settlement in the field of investment. The contributions are authored by leading academics in the field, including lawyers, economists, and political scientists who come from a range of developed and developing country backgrounds. This book constitutes a reflection by important individuals on almost all the major contemporary issues facing the WTO today, and therefore represents a snapshot of the key lines of thinking among many of the leading legal scholars of the WTO and international economic regime which are likely to guide the field in the years to come. This is a book edition of the special 10th anniversary third issue of vol. 10 of the Oxford Journal of International Economic Law September 2007

Public Administration and Democratic Governance Dec 20 2019 Strengthening trust, accountability, and participation in government are essential to serving the needs of citizens. This volume brings together concepts and ideas from around the world on how to achieve more responsive and accountable public administration within the framework of democratic governance. Public officials and administrators are provided with conceptual and policy tools to help them understand today's complex challenges, and to pursue ideas that are most likely to enhance service delivery from the citizen's perspective. The publication is one of the analytical products emerging from the Global Forum on Reinventing Government.

Accountability Politics Apr 04 2021 How can the seeds of accountability ever grow in authoritarian environments? Embedding accountability into the state is an inherently uneven, partial and contested process. Campaigns for public accountability often win limited concessions at best, but they can leave cracks in the system that serve as handholds for subsequent efforts to open up the state to

public scrutiny. This book explores the how civil society "thickens" by comparing two decades of rural citizens' struggles to hold the Mexican state accountable, exploring both change and continuity before, during, and after national electoral turning points. The book addresses how much power-sharing really happens in policy innovations that include participatory social and environmental councils, citizen oversight of elections, local government social investment funds, participation reforms in World Bank projects, community-managed food programs, as well as new social oversight and public information access reforms. Meanwhile, efforts to exercise voice unfold at the same time as rural citizens consider their exit options, as millions migrate to the US, where many have since come together in a new migrant civil society. Since explanations of electoral change do not account for how people actually experience the state, this book concludes that new analytical frameworks are needed to understand "transitions to accountability." This involves unpacking the interaction between participation, transparency and accountability. Oxford Studies in Democratization is a series for scholars and students of comparative politics and related disciplines. Volumes concentrate on the comparative study of the democratization process that accompanied the decline and termination of the cold war. The geographical focus of the series is primarily Latin America, the Caribbean, Southern and Eastern Europe, and relevant experiences in Africa and Asia. The series editor is Laurence Whitehead, Official Fellow, Nuffield College, University of Oxford.

Civil Service Reform Sep 21 2022 The authors of this book contend that the civil service system, which was devised to create a uniform process for recruiting high-quality workers to government, is no longer uniform or a system. Nor does it help government find and retain the workers it needs to build a government that works. The current civil service system was designed for a government in which federal agencies directly delivered most public services. But over the last generation, privatization and devolution have increased the number and importance of government's partnerships with private companies, nonprofit organizations, and state and local governments. Government workers today spend much of their time managing these partnerships, not delivering services, and this trend will only accelerate in the future. The authors contend that the current system poorly develops government workers who can effectively manage these partnerships, resulting too often in a gap between promise and performance. This short, lively, and bipartisan volume, authored by the nation's leading experts on government management, describes what the government of the future will look like, what it will need to work well, and how in particular the nation can build the next generation of workers required to lead it.

Institution Building in Weak States Aug 28 2020 The effort to improve state institutions in post-conflict societies is a complicated business. Even when foreign intervention is carried out with the best of intentions and the greatest resources, it often fails. What can account for this failure? In *Institution Building in Weak States*, Andrew Radin argues that the international community's approach to building state

institutions needs its own reform. This innovative book proposes a new strategy, rooted in a rigorous analysis of recent missions. In contrast to the common strategy of foreign interveners—imposing models drawn from Western countries—Radin shows how pursuing incremental change that accommodates local political interests is more likely to produce effective, accountable, and law-abiding institutions. Drawing on extensive field research and original interviews, Radin examines efforts to reform the central government, military, and police in post-conflict Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Iraq, and Timor-Leste. Based on his own experience in defense reform in Ukraine after 2014, Radin also draws parallels with efforts to improve state institutions outside of post-conflict societies. *Institution Building in Weak States* introduces a domestic opposition theory that better explains why institution building fails and what is required to make it work. With actionable recommendations for smarter policy, the book offers an important corrective for scholars and practitioners of post-conflict missions, international development, peacebuilding, and security cooperation.

The Lost Commandments Jan 21 2020 Fusing wonder, mystery and self-discovery into a moving tale of revelation, *The Lost Commandments* sets the stage for unraveling the mystery of how to best live our lives and build relationships in our modern challenging times. Sam Silverstein's fast-pasted adventure is set first at a major university where a history professor is challenged with a question by an unseen, unknown student in the back of the lecture hall; "What would happen if we had lost half of the great teachings of our time such as the Torah or Bible?" When an unexplainable series of events leads the professor to speak at a world education conference in Jerusalem he befriends an old man, a falafel stand merchant, who knows more about the professor and life than would seem possible. Join in the journey of belief and trust as the old man leads the professor through the teaching of 10 critical lost commandments and empowers the professor to share them with the world. Just when the professor has it all figured out everything changes in the end. It is time to find this lost wisdom, to study it and to embrace it. Discover the lost commandments for yourself and apply them to your life. What will your life be like when you find what has been lost and you put it into action?

Taxation and State Building May 17 2022

Congress, the Press, and Political Accountability Aug 08 2021 *Congress, the Press, and Political Accountability* is the first large-scale examination of how local media outlets cover members of the United States Congress. Douglas Arnold asks: do local newspapers provide the information citizens need in order to hold representatives accountable for their actions in office? In contrast with previous studies, which largely focused on the campaign period, he tests various hypotheses about the causes and consequences of media coverage by exploring coverage during an entire congressional session. Using three samples of local newspapers from across the country, Arnold analyzes all coverage over a two-year period—every news story, editorial, opinion column, letter, and list. First he

investigates how twenty-five newspapers covered twenty-five local representatives; and next, how competing newspapers in six cities covered their corresponding legislators. Examination of an even larger sample, sixty-seven newspapers and 187 representatives, shows why some newspapers cover legislators more thoroughly than do other papers. Arnold then links the coverage data with a large public opinion survey to show that the volume of coverage affects citizens' awareness of representatives and challengers. The results show enormous variation in coverage. Some newspapers cover legislators frequently, thoroughly, and accessibly. Others—some of them famous for their national coverage—largely ignore local representatives. The analysis also confirms that only those incumbents or challengers in the most competitive races, and those who command huge sums of money, receive extensive coverage.

Accountable Health and Building Inspections Oct 22 2022

The Accountability Circle Mar 15 2022 "We are responsible for things...but we are accountable to people. When we discover our own unique purpose, and then make and keep personal commitments that support that purpose, that is accountability. If everyone in the Accountability Circle makes and keeps those commitments, then accountability becomes a way of life." -Sam Silverstein THE ACCOUNTABILITY CIRCLE gives you a trusted group of Accountability Partners for your life, your career, and your business. They support you in identifying and acting on your Purpose, your Mission, and your Values...and you support them in turn. THE ACCOUNTABILITY CIRCLE is where you go to become the best person you can be. It is much more than a mastermind group. It goes far deeper than networking and sharing best business practices. It is about becoming a truly accountable person and a leader in your own life. THE ACCOUNTABILITY CIRCLE goes far beyond your current "circle of friends" ... and creates a powerful group of allies who are focused on your best interests, based on your unique purpose and mission. THE ACCOUNTABILITY CIRCLE is the ultimate personal development strategy and the critical leadership advantage. We all want to reach our potential, become the best version of ourselves, and get the most we possibly can out of life. We all want to maximize our impact and leave a legacy that inspires other people to be their best. For most of us, the problem is not that we are not trying to be our best. The real problem is that we are unable to see and understand fully what our very best can be. We may think that we have to create our own solutions and cannot ask for help. However, this vision of a self-reliant accountability is wrong. In fact, everything we have been taught about accountability is wrong. Accountability is not about having to prove ourselves, create some original idea, or live an independent life, and it is certainly not about "holding others accountable." Quite the contrary—accountability is all about commitments and interdependence. We need other people to help us to be our very best, and we need to help other people to be their very best. It is in helping others fulfill their potential that we identify and achieve our own true potential! Action always comes with belief. When you begin taking action with full accountability in your Accountability

Circle, you will begin to see people differently, show up differently, commit differently, and bring people into your life differently. By building accountable relationships, you will open yourself up to unrealized opportunities for growth and outreach. Sam Silverstein's *The Accountability Circle* shows you how to unlock the power of your own purpose, and learn how your best self can be discovered through the eyes of people who truly care about you. This discovery results, not just in more meaningful relationships within the Circle, but in the capacity to cultivate stronger relationships outside the Circle. Building on the commitments you make and inspire, you can achieve major life goals and make deeper contributions in your home life, your workplace, and the larger world.

The Oxford Handbook of Comparative Constitutional Law Mar 23 2020 The field of comparative constitutional law has grown immensely over the past couple of decades. Once a minor and obscure adjunct to the field of domestic constitutional law, comparative constitutional law has now moved front and centre. Driven by the global spread of democratic government and the expansion of international human rights law, the prominence and visibility of the field, among judges, politicians, and scholars has grown exponentially. Even in the United States, where domestic constitutional exclusivism has traditionally held a firm grip, use of comparative constitutional materials has become the subject of a lively and much publicized controversy among various justices of the U.S. Supreme Court. The trend towards harmonization and international borrowing has been controversial. Whereas it seems fair to assume that there ought to be great convergence among industrialized democracies over the uses and functions of commercial contracts, that seems far from the case in constitutional law. Can a parliamentary democracy be compared to a presidential one? A federal republic to a unitary one? Moreover, what about differences in ideology or national identity? Can constitutional rights deployed in a libertarian context be profitably compared to those at work in a social welfare context? Is it perilous to compare minority rights in a multi-ethnic state to those in its ethnically homogeneous counterparts? These controversies form the background to the field of comparative constitutional law, challenging not only legal scholars, but also those in other fields, such as philosophy and political theory. Providing the first single-volume, comprehensive reference resource, the 'Oxford Handbook of Comparative Constitutional Law' will be an essential road map to the field for all those working within it, or encountering it for the first time. Leading experts in the field examine the history and methodology of the discipline, the central concepts of constitutional law, constitutional processes, and institutions - from legislative reform to judicial interpretation, rights, and emerging trends.

Building Healthy Organizations May 25 2020 Recent research has documented how organizations that hold to a consistent set of values & hold their people accountable to them will consistently outperform those that do not. But there is little available analyzing what values are most effective and virtually nothing available that provides a roadmap for businesses and other organizations to guide their people through

value formation and alignment for effectiveness. *Building Healthy Organizations* addresses this gap. The problem with value formation for organizations is that most people hold strongly differing opinions in their personal viewpoints on those values. Should we hire for aptitude or skill sets? How should managers handle team conflict? What is our approach to performance evaluation? How does the organization work through these differences? The BHO Group, after years of research, has developed a tool that provides a roadmap to analyze where an organization's staff team positions currently are on the 5 Key VALUE's of organizational health. In this book you will learn: The 5 VALUE's that are crucial to Organizational Health; How to analyze where you current staff teams personal value positions are; How to apply methods and tools to obtain organizational value system alignment; How to maintain a proper value system focus over the long term. In the recent environment where the drive for ever increasing profits, questionable ethics and the tendency to treat people as 'human doings' instead of 'human beings' has led to the destruction of several high profile companies - *Building Healthy Organizations* is a breath of fresh air. The book convinces that an environment where values are self-consciously developed and staff is held accountable to them is crucial to the bottom line of all organizations.

Building The Russian State Oct 30 2020 This study critically assesses the condition of Russia's political, economic, social, legal, and military institutions and questions the capacity of the institutions to perform the duties of a state in the modern world. Has the Russian state managed to lay the institutional groundwork for long-term stability and democratic governance? The consensus of the contributors to this book is grim. The courts have grown increasingly complex, but their ability to enhance and support democracy has remained limited. State economic institutions have been unable to collect taxes, pay government workers, fund the healthcare system, pay its soldiers, or retain value in its currency. Political mechanisms for resolving center-periphery conflicts remain ineffective, and Russia's political institutions seem less focused on serving public interests than on enriching the power of those in power.

Accountable Governance: Problems and Promises Feb 20 2020 Public accountability is a hallmark of modern democratic governance and the foundation of the popular performance management movement. Democracy is just an empty exercise if those in power cannot be held accountable in public for their acts and omissions, for their decisions, their policies, and their expenditures. This book offers a finely detailed and richly informed consideration of accountability in both government and the contemporary world of governance. Twenty-five leading experts cover varying aspects of the accountability movement, including multiple and competing accountabilities, measuring accountability, accountability and democratic legitimacy, and accountability and information technology, and apply them to governments, quasi-governments, non-government organizations, governance organizations, and voluntary organizations. Together they provide the most comprehensive consideration of accountability currently available, with a blend of theoretical, empirical, and applied

approaches.

Building Global Democracy? Feb 26 2023 The scale, effectiveness and legitimacy of global governance lag far behind the world's needs. This path-breaking book examines how far civil society involvement provides an answer to these problems. Does civil society make global governance more democratic? Have citizen action groups raised the accountability of global bodies that deal with challenges such as climate change, financial crises, conflict, disease and inequality? What circumstances have promoted (or blocked) civil society efforts to make global governance institutions more democratically accountable? What could improve these outcomes in the future? The authors base their argument on studies of thirteen global institutions, including the UN, G8, WTO, ICANN and IMF. Specialists from around the world critically assess what has and has not worked in efforts to make global bodies answer to publics as well as states. Combining intellectual depth and political relevance, *Building Global Democracy?* will appeal to students, researchers, activists and policymakers.

Mainstreaming Building Energy Efficiency Codes in Developing Countries Jun 06 2021 Urbanization and growing wealth in developing countries portend a large increase of demand for modern energy services in residential, commercial and public-service buildings in the coming decades. Pursuing energy efficiency in buildings is vital to energy security in developing countries and is identified by the Intergovernment Panel on Climate Change as having the greatest potential for cost-effective reduction of CO2 emissions by 2030 among all energy-consuming sectors. Building energy efficiency codes (BEECs), along with energy efficiency standards for major appliances and equipment, are broadly recognized as a necessary government intervention to overcome persistent market barriers to capturing the economic potential of energy efficiency gains in the residential, commercial and public-service sectors. Implementation of BEECs help prevent costly energy wastes over the lifecycles of buildings in space heating, air conditioning, lighting, and other energy service requirements. Nonetheless, achieving the full potential of energy savings afforded by more energy-efficient buildings requires holding people who live or work in buildings accountable for the cost of energy services. Compliance enforcement has been the biggest challenge to implementing BEECs. This report summarizes the findings of an extensive literature survey of the experiences of implementing BEECs in developed countries, as well as those from case studies of China, Egypt, India, and Mexico. It also serves as a primer on the basic features and contents of BEECs and the commonly adopted compliance and enforcement approaches. This report highlights the key challenges to improving compliance enforcement in developing countries, including government commitment to energy efficiency, the effectiveness of government oversight of the construction sector, the compliance capacity of building supply chain, and financing constraints. The report notes that the process of transforming a country's building supply chain toward delivering increasingly more energy-efficient buildings takes time and requires persistent government intervention through uniformly enforced and regularly

updated BEECs. The report recommends increased international support in strengthening the enforcement infrastructure for BEECs in middle-income developing countries. For low- and lower-middle-income countries, there is an urgent need to assist in improving the effectiveness of government oversight system for building construction, laying the foundation for the system to also cover BEECs.

[Post-conflict Reconstruction and Local Government](#) Sep 28 2020 The subject of local government and post-conflict reconstruction sits at the intersection of several interrelated research areas, notably conflict/peacebuilding, governance, and political economy. This volume addresses a gap in the academic literature: whilst decentralisation is frequently included in peace agreements, the actual scope and role of local government is far less frequently discussed. This gap remains despite a considerable literature on local government in developing countries more generally, particularly with regard to decentralisation; but also, despite a considerable and growing literature on post-conflict reconstruction. This volume provides a mixture of case study, cross-case studies, practitioner reflection, and conceptual material on the function of local government in the context of decentralisation in post-conflict countries, from both academics and policy-makers. This collection of in-depth single- and multi-country case study analysis is complemented by practitioner reflections and framed within the 2030 Agenda building on the New Urban Agenda, and particularly the Sustainable Development Goal 16 to 'promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels.' The chapters in this book were originally published in the online journal Third World Thematics.

[OECD Public Governance Reviews Mexico's National Auditing System Strengthening Accountable Governance](#) May 05 2021 This report presents the findings and recommendations of the OECD review of Mexico's national auditing system, with a focus on the Auditoria Superior de la Federación, the supreme audit institution.

[Who's Watching the Spies?](#) Nov 30 2020 Experts from around the globe look at protecting secrets while maintaining liberties

Consider Somaliland Mar 03 2021 Can 'traditional' leaders and institutions help to build more legitimate, accountable and effective governments in polities or 'states' under (re)construction? This book investigates the fascinating case of "Somaliland", the 20-year old non-recognized state which emerged from Somalia's conflict and state collapse.

[Holding Government Bureaucracies Accountable](#) Aug 20 2022 For what and to whom are bureaucracies answerable? How are they held accountable? This successful text examines these questions, primarily in the context of the federal bureaucracy. Building upon the second edition, Professor Rosen has updated the entire work to incorporate significant subsequent developments. Among the most important of these are the Chief Financial Officer Act of 1990, the Government Performance and Results Act of 1993, and the Government

Management Reform Act of 1993. These three laws, along with the Clinton administration's National Performance Review initiative, have the potential to substantially improve performance and accountability. [Accountability through Public Opinion](#) Jul 19 2022 "Accountability" has become a buzzword in international development. Development actors appear to delight in announcing their intention to "promote accountability"—but it is often unclear what accountability is and how it can be promoted. This book addresses some questions that are crucial to understanding accountability and for understanding why accountability is important to improve the effectiveness of development aid. We ask: What does it mean to make governments accountable to their citizens? How do you do that? How do you create genuine demand for accountability among citizens, how do you move citizens from inertia to public action? The main argument of this book is that accountability is a matter of public opinion. Governments will only be accountable if there are incentives for them to do so—and only an active and critical public will change the incentives of government officials to make them responsive to citizens' demands. Accountability without public opinion is a technocratic, but not an effective solution. In this book, more than 30 accountability practitioners and thinkers discuss the concept and its structural conditions; the relationship between accountability, information, and the media; the role of deliberation to promote accountability; and mechanisms and tools to mobilize public opinion. A number of case studies from around the world illustrate the main argument of the book: Public opinion matters and an active and critical public is the surest means to achieve accountability that will benefit the citizens in developing countries. This book is designed for policy-makers and governance specialists working within the international development community, national governments, grassroots organizations, activists, and scholars engaged in understanding the interaction between accountability and public opinion and their role for increasing the impact of international development interventions.

[Legislative Voting and Accountability](#) Feb 02 2021 Legislatures are the core representative institutions in modern democracies. Citizens want legislatures to be decisive, and they want accountability, but they are frequently disillusioned with the representation legislators deliver. Political parties can provide decisiveness in legislatures, and they may provide collective accountability, but citizens and political reformers frequently demand another type of accountability from legislators - at the individual level. Can legislatures provide both kinds of accountability? This book considers what collective and individual accountability require and provides the most extensive cross-national analysis of legislative voting undertaken to date. It illustrates the balance between individualistic and collective representation in democracies, and how party unity in legislative voting shapes that balance. In addition to quantitative analysis of voting patterns, the book draws on extensive field and archival research to provide an extensive assessment of legislative transparency throughout the Americas.

[Accountable to None](#) Jun 25 2020 This book examines the way that the

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