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## “Democracy, Good Governance and Development”

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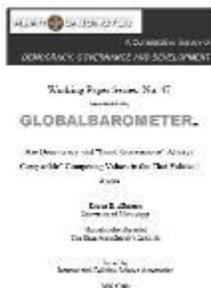
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### ARTICLES & REPORTS



#### **"Are Democracy and 'Good Governance' Always Compatible? Competing Values in the Thai Political Arena"**

[Robert B. Albritton](#) and [Thawilwadee Bureekul](#). **Working Paper Series No. 47**, 2009, 22 pages.

The authors discuss the association of democracy and good governance with a particular focus on Thai politics. They ponder the definitions of democracy and good governance, and whether or not good governance includes democracy, as democracy alone is clearly not a sufficient cause of good governance. They also measure citizen attitudes toward democracy in Thailand, which come from a series of polls taken during the period when national elections were held in 2001, 2005, and 2007.

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<http://www.asianbarometer.org/newenglish/publications/workingpapers/no.47.pdf>

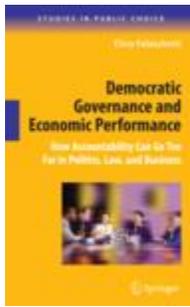
**“Governance Matters VIII: Aggregate and Individual Governance Indicators, 1996-2008”**

[Daniel Kaufmann](#), et al. The World Bank, June 2009.

This paper focuses on the 2009 update of the Worldwide Governance Indicators (WGI) research project, which covers 212 countries and territories. The project measures six dimensions of governance between 1996 and 2008: Voice and Accountability, Political Stability and Absence of Violence/Terrorism, Government Effectiveness, Regulatory Quality, Rule of Law, and Control of Corruption. By updating the Worldwide Governance Indicators, this report gives a comprehensive measurement of institutional quality, governance and the investment climate to show that good governance has a strong, positive impact on development.

**Full text currently available at:**

[http://info.worldbank.org/governance/wgi/mc\\_countries.asp](http://info.worldbank.org/governance/wgi/mc_countries.asp)



**“Democratic Governance and Economic Performance”**

[Dino Falaschetti](#). *Studies in Public Choice*, Vol. 14, 2009, 16 pages.

The author argues that too much accountability can diminish economic performance and is likely to have done so in applications. He examines how political accountability constrains economic opportunities, then synthesizes key ideas from social choice theory, organizational economics, and interest group politics to challenge conventional wisdom about the benefits of democratic governance in organizations.

**Full text currently available at:**

<http://cniss.wustl.edu/publications/2009Falaschetti1.pdf>

**“Bangkok LEADING 2009: Leadership and Innovations in the Democratic Governance”**

[United Nations Development Programme](#), June 2009, 34 pages.

This seminar report examines global trends and developments in the areas of democratization and democracy assistance, focusing on democratic governance assistance and strategic discussions of how the assistance provided by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) can be better tailored to realities on the ground.

**Full text currently available at:**

<http://www.undp.org/oslocentre/docs09/bangkok/LEADING-SEMINAR-REPORT.pdf>



**“10th Annual Performance Report Scorecard: Which Federal Agencies Best Inform the Public?”**

[Henry Wray](#), et al. Mercatus Center, May 5, 2009, 112 pages.

This report ranks the quality of disclosure of the Performance and Accountability Reports prepared by the 24 U.S. federal agencies covered by the Chief Financial Officers Act. Using three categories of criteria -- Transparency, Public Benefits and Forward-Looking Leadership -- the report evaluates how an agency discloses its successes and failures, how well an agency documents the tangible public benefits it claims to have produced, and whether an agency demonstrates forward-looking leadership that uses annual performance information to devise strategies for improvement.

**Full text currently available at:**

<http://www.mercatus.org/PublicationDetails.aspx?id=27116>

## **WEB RESOURCES**

### **Center for Global Development**

The Center for Global Development is an independent, non-profit policy research organization that is dedicated to reducing global poverty and inequality and to making globalization work for the poor.

URL: <http://www.cgdev.org>

### **The Governance Group of the World Bank Institute**

The Governance Group of the World Bank Institute facilitates action-oriented and participatory programs to promote good governance and curb corruption in its client countries.

URL: <http://www.worldbank.org/wbi/governance>

### **Mercatus Center**

The Mercatus Center at George Mason University is an education, research, and outreach organization. Bringing together a network of scholars and experts from around the globe, the Center provides policy makers with the economic tools to make sense of today's most pressing issues.

URL: <http://www.mercatus.org/>

### **National Endowment for Democracy**

The National Endowment for Democracy is a private, non-profit organization created in 1983 to strengthen democratic institutions around the world through nongovernmental efforts.

URL: <http://www.ned.org/>

### **United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)**

UNDP's work in democratic governance is reinforced by its network of over 166 offices and its global partnerships with democratic governance institutions. URL:

<http://www.undp.org/governance/>