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Good Governance and Development (Julius Court, Overseas Development Institute)

Questions

- What do we mean by governance and 'good governance'?
- In what ways and why does governance vary among countries?
- When, why and how do governance issues make a difference to the way countries develop?
- What are the priorities for poor countries?
- Why does governance matter for aid effectiveness and what can donors do?

Reading

- Anderson, Michael, 2002. "Getting Rights Right", *id21 Insights*, no 43 (September). Falmer, Sussex: Institute of Development Studies
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Further reading might include work by David Beetham (democracy & human rights), Thomas Carothers (rule of law), Merilee Grindle (policy processes), Peter Evans (bureaucracy), Samuel Huntington (politics & democracy), Robert Klitgaard (corruption), Knack and Keefer (cross-country comparisons), Adrian Leftwich (developmental states), Mick Moore (taxes & state development), Pierre and Peters (governance theory), Sue Unsworth (Drivers of Change), Barry Weingast (rule of law) and any of the more technical documents from the World Bank or DFID.

Websites

World Bank Institute Governance & Anti Corruption
<http://www.worldbank.org/wbi/governance>

GRC Exchange (website of the DFID-funded Governance Resource Centre)
www.grc-exchange.org

Making Sense of Governance: ODI
www.odi.org.uk/wga_governance/