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Pivotal Issues of Democratic Governance: A Literature Review

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Abstract

Democratic governance has become a popular term to influence public sector reform in many countries. As a new governance theory, democratic governance has also gained significant interest from scholarly circles. Scholars had different perspectives when discussing the topic of democratic governance. Political perspectives examined democratic governance, especially in terms of states, regime, election and democracy. Technological perspective saw the importance of ICTs, social media, artificial intelligence and big data. The public administration perspective studied the importance of public policy, public management and local government institutions. There were rarely scholars who mapped the ideas about democratic governance. The study tries to fill this gap in thinking about democratic governance by reviewing the journal articles on democratic governance published in Scopus data based. Via NVivo analysis tools, this study showed five pivotal issues, including "government," "public," "policy," "political," and "institutional." Besides, this study revealed some important sub-issues of the pivotal issues, covered "responsible government," "representative government," "government policy," "public participation," "public affairs," "public interest," "public policy," "policy formulation," "policy implementation," "political participation," "political actors," "political authority," "institutional change," "institutional capacity," "state institutions." This study also developed propositions from the pivotal issues and sub-issues. Furthermore, this study proposed a new theoretical model based on the propositions. Finally, this study acknowledges the weaknesses and suggests future research.

Keywords:

democratic governance; literature review; social sciences; NVivo analysis

Introduction

Democratic governance can be defined as the activities of the state and citizens or civil society to create partnerships, networks, coordination, negotiation, dialogue, consensus and inclusion in the process of formulating and implementing public policies (Bevir, 2006; Ingrams, 2019; Strebel et al., 2019). There have been remarkable developments in the literature that address democratic governance from multiple perspectives. For example, from a political perspective, scholars discussed the relationship between democratic governance and the state, organizations, regimes, elections and democracy (Petracca, 1989; Cohen & Rogers, 1992; Bohman, 1999;

Pottie, 2001; Bevir, 2006; Tusalem & Pe-Aguirre, 2013; Aliye, 2020). Others identified ICTs, geographic information systems, big data and artificial intelligence concerning democratic governance from technological perspectives (A. Haque, 2001; Kakabadse et al., 2003; Falch, 2006; Flyverbom et al., 2019; A. Clarke & Dubois, 2020). From a public administration perspective, scholars viewed the importance of public management, administration, public policy and local government in democratic governance (Coston, 1998; Terry, 1999; S. E. Clarke, 2001; Ayee, 2013; Vecchione & Parkhurst, 2015; Bamidele & Ayodele, 2018). In addition, studies on democracy in Indonesia are related to political life, regional development

Incumbents' Behavior and Strategic Interactions Among Local Governments: The Case of Indonesia

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Abstract

This paper investigates Yardstick Competition among local governments in decentralized Indonesia by distinguishing bad from good incumbent behavior. By doing so, this paper provides a more explicit connection between theoretical foundation and empirical investigation, where political incumbency is viewed based on the political economy perspective. Given that voters can compare and benchmark their incumbent's performance, an incumbent who aims for the throne twice must consider neighboring local governments' performance as the reference, leading to strategic interaction across local governments. We conduct empirical examinations using Two-regime Spatial Econometrics for panel data consisting of 99 local governments in the West, Central, and East Java Provinces from 2010 to 2017. Our empirical estimation results confirm that mimicking behavior by bad incumbents, characterized by the underperformed public sector, is evident. Bad incumbents mimic their neighbor's public spending. However, we find no evidence of Yardstick Competition by incumbents in general.

Keywords:

intergovernmental relations; structure and scope of government; general public economics

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Introduction

Political reform that enables local citizens to select local government through direct elections should have improved checks and balances mechanisms, political accountability, and improved public service provision quality. The mechanism through which public service improvement occurs in decentralized political and fiscal power is a competition-encouraging milieu across local jurisdictions, including Yardstick Competition. Yardstick Competition occurs because citizens in a local jurisdiction can assess their incumbent's performance by benchmarking the incumbent's performance based on other jurisdictions' performance. People's ability to evaluate and benchmark other jurisdictions' performance affects their decision to reward or punish incumbents/

politicians. The incumbent will consider the comparison views by voters and adjust their behavior by adopting mimicking behavior. Yardstick Competition compels the incumbents who struggle to retain the next cycle office to interact strategically with other local jurisdictions. Then this political behavior will induce fiscal accountability (Belleflamme & Hindriks, 2005; Besley & Case, 1995).

The literature on Yardstick Competition keeps progressing within different perspectives, methods, and political contexts. Besley & Case (1995) investigated Yardstick Competition among state governments in the U.S. and found evidence that vote-seeking correlates to tax-setting through politicians' nexus of Yardstick Competition. Allers & Elhorst (2005) found evidence of Yardstick Competition