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Development Centre Studies Institutional Efficiency and its Determinants:
The Role of Political Factors in Economic Growth (Complete Edition -
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Abstract

New Institutional Economics (NIE) takes a multidisciplinary approach to understanding economic phenomena like growth, efficiency and income distribution. The authors of this book attempt to provide an integrated methodology, hitherto lacking in NIE, that analyses both the impact of institutions on economic development and the determinants that shape institutional quality. Using the case of Argentina, they use the analytical framework developed and explained in the book to test their theoretical hypotheses. They find that their concept of institutional quality and their delineation between economic and political institutions work in practice. In addition, their consideration of particular institutions - democracy and autocracy - and their reflections on the impact of "traditional" legal and cultural frameworks add a dimension to the book that gives it a controversial, but stimulating timeliness.

At a time when national governments and international institutions are seeking ways to improve governance and accelerate growth, particularly in the poorer countries, this book provides valuable insights for policy makers and those who advise them. It offers convincing evidence about the quality of institutions as a determining factor in development and suggests how such quality might be improved.

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The Development Dimension Policy Coherence for Development:
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Abstract

Policy Coherence for Development: Promoting Institutional Good Practice sets out the latest thinking on institutional approaches to help governments achieve policy coherence in support of development. It provides a synthesis of lessons learned from peer reviews of OECD countries, specific case studies, and recent workshops involving senior government officials. It offers practical ways forward for mustering political will, building analytical capacity, improving co-ordination mechanisms, and taking action in specific priority areas. It suggests an analytical framework to help assess and compare how well countries join-up policies across government to meet agreed development goals. Achieving policy coherence is one of the most difficult political and economic challenges of development, and this book highlights examples of good institutional practice among OECD countries in addressing this issue.

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