

Explaining Local Government: Local Government In Britain Since 1800

This examination of the fiscal health of local governments offers a "how-to" approach to identifying and solving financial problems. It will serve as a primer for readers interested in understanding financial processes and alternatives, and as a practical guide for those who need access to fiscal measurement tools. Its

principal selling point lies in its assumptions: instead of using the vocabulary and research agendas of economists (such as Musgrave, Fisher), finance scholars (Ladd/Yinger) and political scientists (Peterson/Strachota), it will appeal to readers who lack sophisticated knowledge in these areas and nevertheless need practical advice. The book stems from the "Fiscal Health Education Program," an applied economics program at the University of Minnesota. It uses three measures of fiscal health-

financial condition, trend analysis, and financial trend monitoring system-as the basis for advocating particular fiscal strategies. The book examines the tools that can be used to assess the condition of a local government's fiscal health and some of the policy causes or remedies for certain situations, as well as some of the strategies governments can pursue to maintain and improve health. *How-to approach will appeal to readers who lack sophisticated knowledge * Contains

**discussion questions and
anonymous case studies of
actual cities and
municipalities * Presents
practical methods for
identifying and solving
common fiscal problems
Some of the very best
writings on issues involving
local government can be
found in journals published
by the American Society for
Public Administration or
journals with which ASPA is
associated. This volume
includes thirty of the most
outstanding articles that
have been published over the
past sixty years in these**

journals. Local Government Management is an ideal supplement for any course in local management and administration, whether the audience is students or practicing professionals. This study is designed to help local government practitioners in Pacific island countries review and strengthen their existing legislative and regulatory frameworks. It identifies best practice, examines case studies of Fiji, Solomon Islands and Samoa, and presents ten key principles for effective legislation.

Local government can be defined as a public entity acting as the sub-unit of a state or of a region, charged with the task of enforcing public policies. There have been many reforms of local government in recent years from the grassroots-led movement that took root in the 90s to the overarching effects of globalization and decentralization. Local governments must adapt their practices in order to most effectively provide for their constituents.

**Theoretical Foundations and
Discussions on the**

**Reformation Process in
Local Government addresses
the effects of recent reforms
in the political-
administrative system of
local governments and
politics as well as future
outlooks. It reviews the
challenges, innovations, and
lessons from local
governments while providing
theoretical perspectives on
methods for positive reform.
This book is a critical
reference source for policy
makers, government
organizations, professionals,
and actors in both local and
international politics.**

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**A Simple and Concise
Explanation of the Local
Government Act and Other
Acts of Parliament
Administered by Councils,
Together with an Exposition
of the Law and Procedure at
Council Meetings
Cooperation and Conflict
Between State and Local
Government
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Innovativeness in China
Local Government Explained
Relationship between the
Central Government and
Local Governments of**

Contemporary China The Oxford Handbook of State and Local Government

State formation after civil war offers a new model for studying the formation of the state in a national peace transition as an integrated national phenomenon. Current models of peacebuilding and state building limit that possibility, reproducing a fragmented, selective view of this complex reality. Placing too much emphasis on state building as design they place too little on understanding state formation as unplanned historical process. The dominant focus on national institutions also ignores the role that cities and civic polities have played in constituting the modern

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state. Mining ideas from many disciplines and evidence from 19 peace processes, including South Africa, the book argues that the starting point for building a systematic theory is to explain a distinct pattern to state formation that can be observed in practice: Despite their conflicts people in fragile societies bargain terms for peaceful coexistence, they make attempts to constitute the right to rule as valid state authority, in circumstances prone to conflict, over which they have imperfect influence, not control. Though the kind of institutions created will differ with context, how rules for state authority are institutionalized follows a consistent basic pattern. That pattern defines state formation in

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peace transitions as both a unified, if contingent, field of normative practice and an object of comparative study. Where the national-centric models see local government as a matter belonging to policy on decentralization for later in the reconstruction phase, the book uncovers a distinct "local government dimension" to peace transitions: A civic dimension to national conflicts that must be explained; incipient or proto-local authorities that emerge even during civil war, in peace making, after state collapse; the fact that it is common for peace agreements and constitutions to include rules for local authority, for local elections to be held as part of broader democratization,

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and for laws to be enacted to establish local government as part of peace compacts. The book develops the concept of local peace transition to explain the distinctive constitutive role of this local dimension in peace-making and state formation. This path-breaking book will be of compelling interest to practitioners, scholars and students of comparative constitutional studies, international law, peace building and state building.

"Drawing from his experience as an attorney with the Institute of Justice, Bolick uses illuminating cases from the litigation trenches to show how powerful local government has infringed on freedom of speech, freedom of

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commerce and enterprise, private property rights, and even the simple right to be left alone. He explains how locally controlled government school systems reflect the values of powerful interest groups and why - despite spending millions of taxpayers' dollars - they are unable to provide the basics of education."

"Bolick ultimately reveals that, although the rules are often rigged in favor of local governments and against ordinary citizens, we can take action to rein in these out-of-control bureaucracies."--BOOK JACKET.

The Oxford Handbook of State and Local Government is an historic undertaking. It contains a wide range of essays that define

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the important questions in the field, evaluate where we are in answering them, and set the direction and terms of discourse for future work. The Handbook will have a substantial influence in defining the field for years to come. The chapters critically assess both the key works of state and local politics literature and the ways in which the sub-field has developed. It covers the main areas of study in subnational politics by exploring the central contributions to the comparative study of institutions, behavior, and policy in the American context. Each chapter outlines an agenda for future research.

The 10th edition of STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT provides

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comprehensive and completely updated coverage of institutions, political behavior, and policy-making at the state and local level. This bestselling text's theme of increased capacity and responsiveness of state and local government conveys excitement about politics at the grassroots level and is pro public service. Important Notice: Media content referenced within the product description or the product text may not be available in the ebook version.

Understanding Local Government
The Local Government Handbook
Local Government Management:
Current Issues and Best Practices
Local Government and the States:
Autonomy, Politics and Policy
The Growth of Local Government

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and the Erosion of Liberty

Principles for Local Government Legislation

The Role of Local Government in Economic Development

In this work, J.A. Chandler explains how local government in Britain has evolved from a structure that appeared to be relatively free from central government interference to, as John Prescott observes, 'one of the most centralised systems of government in the Western world'.

Budgeting for Local Governments and Communities is designed as the primary textbook for a quarter or

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semester-long course in public
budgeting and finance in an
MPA programme. Many
currently available texts for this
course suffer from a
combination of defects that
include a focus on federal and
state budgeting, a lack of a
theoretical governance
framework, an omission of
important topics, and typically a
lack of exercises and datasets
for student use. *Budgeting for
Local Governments and
Communities* solves all of these
problems. The book is
exceptionally comprehensive
and well written, and represents
the efforts of veteran authors

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with both teaching and real-world experience. Key Features: Special Focus on Local Government Budgeting: focuses exclusively on budgeting at the local levels of American government, which are responsible for spending 40 percent of the taxes collected from citizens. Integration of Theory and Practice: teaching cases and chapters capture the "lessons learned" by professional practitioners who have extensive experience in making local public budgeting work on the ground. Polity Approach to Local Budgeting: presents an introduction to local

budgeting as the central political activity that integrates the resources of the community into a unified whole. Budgeting is presented as governance work, rather than as a unique set of skills possessed by analysts and financial specialists. Legal, Historical, Economic and Moral Foundations of Local Government Budgeting: provides readers with an understanding of how the structures and processes of local budgeting systems are firmly tethered to the underlying core values, legal principles and historical

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development of the larger American federal, state and local political systems.

Electronic Datasets and Budgeting Exercises: the text includes access to extensive electronic datasets and practice exercises that provide abundant opportunities for students to "learn through doing." Extensive Glossary and Bibliography: covers terms on the history and practice of local public budgeting.

By using extensive case studies drawn from across local councils in England, Ray Tomkinson explains the implications of sharing service delivery,

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addresses concerns about loss of control and accountability, and demonstrates the potential advantages. He shows how to set up collaborative ventures, formal partnerships, shared service centres or special purpose vehicles, while pointing out possible pitfalls, thus enabling senior managers to follow all the necessary project steps to create an appropriate shared service.

This book introduces students to the complex landscape of state-local intergovernmental relations today. The contributors, leading experts in the field, help students enhance

their understanding of the importance of state-local relations in the U.S. federal system, argue for better analysis of the consequences of state-local relations for the quality of policy outcomes, and introduce them to public service career opportunities in state and local government.

*Budgeting for Local
Governments and Communities
Explaining Local Policy Agendas
Autonomy, Politics and Policy
Managing Local Government
Shared Services in Local
Government
State Formation After Civil War
Making a Difference*

You have probably heard the adage, "all politics is local." It suggests that most of us are motivated politically by what is going on in our lives, in our actual neighborhoods and communalities. The reality is that not only does local government have the most influence in your life, but also provides the opportunity for you to make the biggest difference. In her book, "Make a Difference: Navigating the Maze of Local Government," Cynthia Northrup White offers a veritable guidebook for understanding the way local government operates and how you can make the biggest impact. This book is not only for the neighborhood citizen who wants to change the way the city picks up trash or the way tax rates are

established, but also for the college student preparing for a life in the political arena. "If citizens are knowledgeable about how government works and how different levels of government interact they will be more successful in finding solutions to issues important to them." Many people desire to make a difference in their community, but they have no idea where to begin or how to proceed. It might begin with casting your vote, but that is certainly not all that can be done. In her book, "Making a Difference," Carolyn Northrop White peels away the layers of government so we can see how they function and work together. You will be amazed at how much you can do for your neighborhood and community by

simply understanding how to be involved. "I believe those who read her book will not only gain new insight on how local governments work, they will also be inspired. I highly recommend her both as an author and as a speaker." Sheri Groves, Chief Administrator for Ron Marchant, Denton County Commissioner "I believe people who read this book will gain insight and inspiration on how they can make a difference in their communities through local government and community participation." Bobbie Mitchell - Denton County Commissioner I hope many will read "Making a Difference" and learn basic mechanics of local government that will equip them with information, and glean from her insights into how

they can participate more effectively so that our rights and privileges may continue, and pass them on to our children and grandchildren" Eric Kaszynski Community Activist Cynthia has been active in many areas of the community serving two terms on the Lewisville, Texas, City Council. She also served as a Denton County Commissioner for two terms. Cynthia's passion for educating people on how local government works and why it is important to be involved has remained a consistent theme in all her undertakings. Her hobbies include health and fitness, and music. Actively training clients today, Cynthia has been a lifetime advocate of health and fitness, becoming a Group Fitness Instructor and Personal Trainer. A

self-taught keyboard player, her musical outlets include singing and songwriting. She has produced five CD's of mostly original tunes, plays in a band, and sings and plays keyboard on the worship team in her home church.

Local governments have their own unique characteristics and personalities. In some ways, they are similar to the Federal Government because they are totally dependent on the kind of structure and authority that has been delegated to them by their states. Although this means that there are pronounced variations from state to state, there are also basic characteristics that are common to all. Focusing on those basic characteristics, this treatise aims to

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*provide a general understanding of the
functionality of local governments.*

*Understanding Local Government
identifies the underpinnings and the
concepts that determine how local
governments function in fulfilling
their purpose of providing both needed
and desired services to their residents.*

*The book is designed for ease of use in
both teaching and learning, having an
introduction and overview at the
beginning of each chapter and clearly
delineated subsections. The book also
makes numerous references to laws
and other materials of particular
states and regions, making it easy to
provide illustrative examples and to
supplement the text. Specific areas
covered include: • Local authority and
regulation; • Land use controls; •*

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**Local contracts; • Delivery of services
and assistance; • Public access to
information and right to vote; • Local
officers and employees; • Local
government liability; and • Local
finances.**

*This book addresses the ‘bigger
picture’ of local-European relations
and adds a new dimension to existing
studies on multilevel governance and
the Europeanisation of local
government. Drawing from a
combination of European integration
theories and operational approaches, it
introduces the idea of an integration
cycle in which local government
responds to the top-down impact of the
EU internally, horizontally and
vertically. This volume presents a wide
range of empirical examples to*

demonstrate how local authorities across Europe have changed their practices, orientation and preferences, and adapted their institutions and organisation. Not only do cities, towns and counties cooperate with each other across borders and through transnational networks and partnerships, but by mobilising formally and informally, local actors participate in and influence European governance and contribute to the future trajectories of European integration, thereby completing the integration cycle.

This book offers an overview of the legal, political, and broad intergovernmental environment in which relations between local and state units of government take place, the

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*historical roots of the conflict among
them, and an analysis of*

*contemporary problems concerning
local authority, local revenues, state
interventions and takeovers, and the
restructuring of local governments.*

*The author pays special attention to
local governmental autonomy and the
goals and activities of local officials
as they seek to secure resources, fend
off regulations and interventions, and
fight for survival as independent
units. He looks at the*

*intergovernmental struggle from the
bottom up, but in the process examines
a variety of political activities at the
state level and the development and
effects of several state policies.*

*Berman finds considerable reason to
be concerned about the viability and*

*future of meaningful local
government.*

*Local Government in Britain since
1800*

*European Trends in Autonomy,
Innovations and Central-Local
Relations*

*Labour Councils and New Left
Alternatives*

Local Government Law

Local Socialism?

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Getting the Parameters Right

*This accessible introduction to
the system of public
administration uses a clear,
country by country analysis to the
contemporary system of public
administration and management
in a number of significant*

countries. This text examines the extent to which new public management, politicians and public opinion can influence bureaucracies in various countries; in addition, it explores the role of public administration systems within the wider political systems and democratic frameworks of their states. The new edition revises and updates several of the original country studies including: the United States, France, the UK, the Republic of Ireland and Italy, and adds three more chapters on Greece, Russia, India and China. Each chapter is written to a common framework which makes

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comparison easier and covers the following issues: Political culture The Constitutional framework The civil service Public sector agencies Federal and local government Financing the system Co-ordination of the system Managing the system Accountability, secrecy and openness Democracy Further developments and the financial crash This student-friendly volume is a highly valuable resource for students of Politics and Administration. This textbook is essential reading for students of comparative public administration.

This accessible text summarizes

and explains the structure of British local government, focusing on key changes introduced during the Thatcher/Major years and initiatives implemented by the current Labour administration. While offering a detailed discussion of these policies, the book examines how local government has sought to respond in a proactive way to a range of important social, political and economic changes. Readers are introduced to local government as a lively and complex site of political engagement. British local government is set in a wider

political, social and theoretical context. Throughout, the authors argue that the attempt by the Thatcher and Major administrations of 1979-97 to push local government into the role of merely administering centrally defined policies was largely short-circuited. While outlining and explaining these changes and their effects, the authors argue that far from being defenceless victims of central government, local authorities devised numerous strategies to protect their independent policy-making role. The authors go on to examine the proposals for change introduced by the Labour

government and assess their implications for local government in the twenty-first century. This book will be essential reading for lecturers and students of local government, politics, public policy and urban policy, as well as practitioners.

In recent years, mayors and municipal leaders throughout the United States have confronted increasing problems of community safety. These problems have affected not only urban centers but also small towns and rural municipalities. Many other countries have experienced similar rapid increases in crime that have only

begun to decline in the past few years. The response of many governments has been to toughen their legal and justice systems, increasing policing capacities and penalties. Despite these efforts, the social and economic consequences of crime have been enormous:

Expenditures on law enforcement have increased tremendously.

Criminal sentences have become tougher; The number of offenders prosecuted and incarcerated has risen dramatically; Private security personnel have outstripped official law enforcement; Communities increasingly have resorted to

fortifying neighborhoods; Crime has reduced the tax base of cities by driving out residents and businesses. Traditionally, the public has viewed crime reduction as the responsibility of the police and the courts. However, in spite of increased expenditures, these institutions have been unable to contain the epidemic of crime. The result has been a loss of confidence in criminal justice systems and high levels of public concern about crime. Migration, rapid changes in populations, rising poverty levels, and income disparities continue to affect many countries. Crime prevention, rather than

reaction or repression, has generally played a very minor role in addressing crime problems. To have an impact on current crime problems and avoid even greater problems in the future, a more balanced approach and perceptual shift by society are necessary. This monograph was prepared for mayors, city managers, planners, and elected officials. It brings together information from around the United States and around the world on ways that public officials have used their authority to foster safer, healthier communities. More specifically, it outlines the following: Why change is

necessary; Why communities can no longer leave safety to only the criminal justice system; How knowledge about the factors that lead to crime and insecurity has increased; How knowledge about how citizens can intervene effectively has increased; The leadership, strategies, and tools needed to bring about change; Examples of city-led projects; Lessons learned from past practice.

We assess the relative efficiency of local municipalities using Data Envelopment Analysis and parametric analysis. As an output measure we compute a composite local government

indicator of municipal performance, using data for Portuguese municipalities. This allows assessing the extent of possible municipal improvement relative to the "best-practice" frontier. Our results suggest that most municipalities could improve performance without necessarily increasing municipal spending. In a second stage efficiency scores are explained by means of a Tobit analysis with a set of relevant explanatory socio-economic factors playing the role of non-discretionary inputs, such as education and per capita purchasing power.

Improving Service Delivery

Illinois Local Government

A Handbook for Local

Government Productivity

*Local Government from Thatcher
to Blair*

*The Politics of Creative
Autonomy*

*Institutions, Problems, Elections
and Actors*

*The Future of Local Self-
Government*

*This report discusses the
findings from a mail survey of
local government economic
development activities that
was sent to all 540
municipalities and 100
counties in North Carolina. An*

important part of the analysis examines whether cities and counties differ significantly in their economic development efforts and whether smaller jurisdictions employ different types of development strategies and tools than larger ones. The survey findings also highlight the barriers that local governments face in promoting economic development and identify important technical assistance needs and gaps in local capacity.

Local Government Law provides a unique resource with concise, easy-to-

understand explanations of important legal issues faced by local public officials, community boards, and city councils. From the moment officials take office, they face decisions related to basic principles found in state and federal law. The same is true for those in the private sector aiming to work successfully with local governments. This practical guidebook will empower public and private representatives with a functional grasp of legal principles, with chapters explaining what a local government is, the requirement to follow due

process, local land use controls, the basics of the Freedom of Information Act, and many other important subjects that regularly arise. As a practical guidebook on local government law, this book provides a basic and empowering understanding for officials and private actors in the local government arena. This book examines the connection between central-local government relations and the transition of contemporary China, the urbanization process and social development. Based on empirical investigations and theoretical research, it argues

that this is the key to understanding the transition of central-local government relations from the overall fiscal rationing system in the 1980s and the tax distribution system in the 1990s. The former system provided the incentive for local government to “set up a number of enterprises” and resulted in rapid local industrialization, while the latter system enabled the local governments to move from “operating the enterprises” to “operating the land and cities”. The book analyzes two aspects of the profound impact of the change in central-local government

relations on the behavior of local governments: land quota acquisition and urbanization, thus providing valuable insights into the economic and social development of contemporary China.

The Routledge Handbook of International Local Government conducts a rigorous, innovative and distinctive analysis of local government within a comparative, international context. Examining the subject matter with unrivalled breadth and depth, this handbook shows how different cultures and countries develop different institutions,

structures and processes over time, yet that all have some features in common – the most obvious of which is the recognition that some decisions are better made, some services better delivered, and some engagement with the state better organised if there is structured organisational expression of the importance of the local dimension of all these factors . Thematically organised, it includes contributions from international experts with reference to the wider context in terms of geographies, local government modes, recent developments and possible

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further lines of research. It has a wide academic appeal internationally and will steer a course between the two dimensions of mono-jurisdictional studies and 'cataloguing' forms of comparison. The Routledge Handbook of International Local Government will be essential reading and an authoritative reference for scholars, students, researchers and practitioners involved in, and actively concerned about, research on local government. Fiscal Health for Local Governments Explaining Local Government Law, Politics, and Local

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*Democracy
A Practical Guidebook for
Public Officials on City
Councils, Community Boards,
and Planning Commissions
Local Government Finance in
the Western Balkans
Comparative Public
Administration*

*Lessons from the
Commonwealth Pacific*

**Explaining Local
Government, available at
last in paperback, uniquely
presents a history of local
government in Britain from
1800 until the present day.
The study explains how the
institution evolved from a
structure that appeared to**

be relatively free from central government interference to, as John Prescott observes, 'one of the most centralised systems of government in the Western world'. The book is accessible to A level and undergraduate students as an introduction to the development of local government in Britain but also balances values and political practice to provide a unique explanation, using primary research, of the evolution of the system. Local government innovation has become one of the most important

topics on China's policy agenda in recent decades. This book explains why some local governments are more innovative than others. This book uses a novel theoretical framework and points out that in China's multi-level government structure, the administrative hierarchy and the span of control could shape local governments' innovation motivation, innovation capability, and innovation opportunity, thus influencing local government innovativeness. The author

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systematically analysed the
**177 winners and finalists of
the biennial Innovations
and Excellence in Chinese
Local Governance (IECLG)
Awards Programme from
2001 to 2015 to provide
convincing empirical
evidence to support this
theory. This book adopts an
institutional approach to
explaining local
government innovativeness
in China and may be a
useful reference to help us
learn more about local
government decisions and
behaviours.**

**This report addresses the
limited access to local**

governments of data and knowledge of municipal finance issues in South East Europe (SEE). The objective of the analytical work under the SEE Municipal Finance Review (MFR) aims to (i) contribute to improved understanding of local government management and finance in the SEE Region; and (ii) contribute to improving the quality and consistency of key municipal finance data for improved evidence based policy making. The analysis presented in this report comprises the first attempt to review and

analyze a regional set of disaggregated sub-national finance data in the SEE Region. Main findings of the MFR are presented in this report. Following an introductory chapter, chapter 2 provides an overview of the decentralization framework in the SEE Region, including on the administrative and political structure of sub-national governments, their population size and distribution, and the service functions assigned to local governments. Chapter 3 explains in more detail the local government

finance framework. This includes an overview of the structure and composition of sub-national finances, in particular (i) revenue and expenditure assignments; (ii) transfers and intergovernmental fiscal relations; and (iii) the evolving framework and realities of sub-national borrowing and debt. Chapter 4 provides a summary of the key trends and findings from the cross-country, regional analysis, complemented by detailed analysis of the disaggregated datasets, where available. Finally,

Chapter 5 summarizes conclusions and provides some recommendations for a possible way forward. In the medium to long term, access to municipal finance information would contribute to increasing transparency and accountability of local governments, improving revenue collection and expenditure performance, optimizing budget allocation procedures, and strengthen local authorities' role and position in intergovernmental fiscal considerations and

**negotiations in the SEE
countries.**

**Managing Local
Government: An Essential
Guide for Municipal and
County Managers offers a
practical introduction to
the changing structure,
forms, and functions of
local governments. Taking
a metropolitan
management perspective,
authors Kimberly Nelson
and Carl W. Stenberg
explain U.S. local
government within
historical context and
provide strategies for
effective local government
management and problem**

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solving. Real-life scenarios and contemporary issues illustrate the organization and networks of local governments; the roles, responsibilities, and relationships of city and county managers; and the dynamics of the intergovernmental system. Case studies and discussion questions in each chapter encourage critical analysis of the challenges of collaborative governance. Unlike other books on the market, this text's combined approach of theory and practice encourages students to

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**enter municipal and county
management careers and
equips them with tools to
be successful from day one.
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Concepts, Practical Analysis
and Strategies
The Role of Local
Government in Community
Safety
State and Local
Government
Managing America's Cities
Assessing and Explaining
the Relative Efficiency of
Local Government
The Routledge Handbook of
International Local**

Government

Local Governing Power: General Aspects, Limitations, Resolution of Power Conflicts and Challenges; Formation of the Local Government, Alteration, Boundary Changes; Some Problems of Organization and Operation: Officers, Employees, Allocation and Delegation of Functions, Elections; Regulation of Conduct and the Use of Land: Acquisition, Limitations on Use and Disposition of Goods, Services and Property; Revenues; Considerations Pertinent to Citizen Litigation with Local Governments.

More than any other area of the constitution, local government has undergone constant change over the past two decades. The Conservative legislation introducing compulsory competitive tendering. replacing rates

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with first the community charge and then the council tax, the structural reorganization of local councils (with the creation of unitary authorities), and the increasing emphasis on rights for users of local services have left an enduring legacy. The actions of some local authorities on the municipal left and the New Right have tested the legal limits of local democracy to the full. The new Labour government has initiated further changes with the 'best value' regime, the reform of executive structures, and by introducing elected mayors and cabinets in local authorities, and new powers for councils to become 'community leaders', working in partnership with other public, private, and voluntary bodies within their areas. Moreover, other aspects of the constitutional reform programme,

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especially devolution, have substantial implications for local government. This new study assesses these and other developments in terms of the underlying questions they raise about the nature of local democracy and its legal recognition. The book considers the competing and legally interlocking claims of local representative democracy, financial accountability and consumerism and their implications for the governing structures of local authorities and for local electors, councillors, taxpayers, the users of local services, and council employees. Finally, it asks whether the legal shape and powers of local government fit it for the changing role it is now asked to play. An examination of the transformation of South Africa's apartheid local government system into a development-oriented system of municipal

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governance, requiring, however, continuing short and long-term interventions on the part of both the central and provincial governments if it is to deliver its desired outputs.

This work describes the operations of a typical municipal government and examines the many productivity trends that are occurring in city halls across America. Much of the focus is on the increasing need for planning in city government to ensure that productivity goals are met. It thoroughly examines the roles of the council, manager, and clerk in promoting increased productivity. It then looks at such municipal departments as legal, finance, fire, human services, library, police and public works, demonstrating proven techniques and structures in each that improve service. Instructors considering this book for use in a course may

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South East Europe Municipal Finance
Review

Navigating the Maze of Local
Government

Local Government, Local Governance
and Sustainable Development

Survey Findings from North Carolina

An Essential Guide for Municipal and
County Managers

Local Government Law in a Nutshell

Theoretical Foundations and

Discussions on the Reformation Process
in Local Governments

***This book presents new
research results on the
challenges of local politics in
different European countries,
including Germany, the
Netherlands, the Nordic
countries and Switzerland,***

together with theoretical considerations on the further development and strengthening of local self-government. It focuses on analyses of the most recent developments in local democracy and administration.

Building on hundreds of thousands of systematically collected and content-coded local policy agenda observations, this book examines – theoretically and empirically - the policy agenda effects of four central aspects of any political system: the institutions that structure

politics; the problems confronting the political system; the occurrence of regular and free elections; and the actors navigating the political system. Developing an explanatory model based on these four factors not only improves our understanding of the determinants of the local policy agenda but also contributes to a further integration of local government research, policy agendas research, and the broader discipline of political science. The book may be of particular interest to scholars and students of comparative

politics, agenda setting, public policy, and local government. Over 6,500 local governments -- ranging from counties and municipalities to obscure mosquito abatement districts -- and 100,000 government officials make Illinois government the most complex of any state in the Union. James F. Keane and Gary Koch have compiled this handbook, written by 19 experts in the field, to help take the mystery out of Illinois local government. Using a systematic evaluation of the different types of government at the municipal, township,

and county levels, the contributors explain how these units operate, what problems they face, and how they interact with each other and with state and federal governments. Highlighting part one is State Comptroller Roland W. Burris' overview of local government. Specific units of local government, including municipalities, counties, townships, public school districts, and other special districts, are explained in part two. The effects of various laws -- including the Illinois Home Rule -- and financial regulations are

covered in part three. The chapter on campaign and election laws, written by William McGuffage, legislative liaison for the attorney general's office, tells how to run for office. H. Brent De Land, executive director of the Illinois Community Action Association, offers clues on how to find, apply for, and receive grants. Part four discusses support services, the media, special interest groups, and community relations. Richard Burd, chief of Local Government Management Services in the Department of Commerce and

Community Affairs, offers insight on getting the most from such services. The editors look to the future in part five, outlining six emerging trends for local government: requests for services will increase, as will the need for more revenue; there will be a strong movement to consolidate local government; professionalism will be stressed: public accountability will increase: more emphasis will be placed on public image; and uniformity among local governments will emerge.

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