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AIMS

The Oxford Handbook of Governance will be an innovative, high profile volume that will present an authoritative and accessible state-of-the-art analysis of the governance literature in political science. The volume will offer the core concepts and knowledge on governance in different levels and arenas of politics and policy making. In doing so it aims to establish itself as the essential point of reference for all those working on politics, society and economics from a governance perspective. The volume will be substantial in size and scope, and will contain contributions from approximately 40 leading scholars and practitioners—writing controversially, but always authoritatively—on the key topics and debates around the notion of governance.

AUDIENCE

The Oxford Handbook of Governance aimed at senior scholars in disciplines such as political science, public policy & administration, international relations, regulation, international law, European Union studies, regional studies and development studies.

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The Oxford Handbook of Governance will be a key volume for Oxford's academic publishing in Political Science and the social sciences more broadly - part of the ongoing programme of prestigious Oxford Handbooks being commissioned and published across the humanities and social sciences. OUP will produce the book to the highest production standards, marketing it alongside our other famous reference works, to a range of relevant disciplines (including political science, business and management studies, and law) around the world.

The audience for The Oxford Handbook of Governance would be a combination of research institutions, individual academics, and postgraduate students, as well as those working in and around government itself, with contributions being written with all these groups in mind. Ultimately motivating the Oxford Handbook project is the idea that there is an increasing intellectual gulf between writings in academic journals, student-oriented textbooks, and material for professionals in the field. Textbooks tend to be aimed at beginners; work in academic journals is often narrow and arcane, speaking to a small and specialized audience; publications directly relevant to professionals seldom provide wider or deeper reflection. Bridging the gap at present are occasional "Review Articles" which survey a field and offer a contemporary

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critical analysis of a body of theory and research and where it is headed. The idea of The Oxford Handbook of Governance would be to produce an influential volume that brings together an engaged and provocative form of this sort of Review Article in a systematic and cohesive way.

The essays, taken together, would seek to define the study of governance across all its incarnations by crystallizing the debates that surround it in a number of disciplines. Anyone within the social science community who is interested in politics would refer to the Handbook as an authoritative guide to the "State of the Art"; anyone in related disciplines, particularly of courses business, management, law, sociology and geography would refer to the book to bring themselves up to speed when investigating a new area or in order to place their own work in a particular context. Those whose work brings them into significant contact with the various elements of political life should also gain from consulting a copy.

The Oxford Handbook of Governance would be a substantial volume - it needs to be to match the ambition of the project. The book would have contributions from around 40 scholars and amount to, about 700 or 800 printed pages. Those contributions would be from the best and most interesting people working in the area, writing - perhaps controversially but always authoritatively - on the key topics and debates that define the institution.

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