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- America's Need for a National Budget: Commemorating the Centennial of a Reform Proposal
..... James L. Chan

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Introduction

- Chunkui Zhu
A Study of the South Korean Government's Innovation Policy: From Rowing to Steering
..... Tobin I. M. & Hyunkuk lee

Abstract This paper analyzes government effort to achieve technological innovation in the process of national development in South Korea. According to the World Value Survey results, the subjective innovation level of South Korea and other East Asian nations is low; however, that these nations contributed to the cultural identity of this unconventional behavior is not accepted by most people. Even so, South Korea achieved substantial technological innovation and development over the past few years. In this study, the strong and powerful role of the South Korean government in this process of technological innovation is discussed, as well as the similar cultural backgrounds of other East Asian countries. The South Korea model of innovation and development can act as a more relevant reference for East Asian countries as compared to the models of Western countries.

- Key words** The Korean Government; Technological Innovation; Role of Government
State-market Relationship in Technology Innovation; Lessons from Oxfordshire, UK
..... Lin Ye & Xuduo Zhao

Abstract With accelerating globalization and the rise of the knowledge economy after

the World War II, developed countries have witnessed an economic transformation towards technology-intensive industries. Increasing attention has been paid to the governance of regional innovation systems, the latest base for technological innovation. The case of Oxfordshire in Britain should serve as the basis for such innovation, in which enterprises, government and research organizations interact with each other efficiently to power the growth of regional innovative systems. This breeds a new model for urban technological innovation and is valuable for China.

Key words Knowledge Economy; Technological Innovation; Urban Governance; Market Mechanism

●ARTICLE

Social Capital and Individual Donation in Rural China

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Abstract Individual donation is at a low level in China at present. While existing studies have examined extensively the macro-institutional factors and individual demographic characteristics influencing donation, this study will address social capital's impact on individual donation. Based on the data from the 2009 survey in Shouning, Taihe, Congren and Taicang, this paper examines social capital and other factors influencing individual donation. Regression analysis show that: 1) demographic characteristics such as age, education, army service experience and party membership influence individual donation significantly, 2) social economic variables have significant impact on individual donation, and 3) variables measuring social capital have limited impact on individual donation.

Key words Social Capital; Individual Donation; Trust; Association Participation

..... Weina Kong & Guang Zhang

Abstract Functional federalism, in a multi-level fiscal system, requires attention to be paid to the comparative advantage of each level of government in its special areas of expertise. The sub-national governments assume the primary responsibility for economic development issues and the corresponding fiscal expenditure, while the national government assumes primary responsibility for redistribution and the corresponding expenditure. The allocation and division of Chinese fiscal expenditure between the central and local authorities since the reformation of the tax system, does not agree well with the standard of functional federalism, but appears as a kind of “quasi-functional federalism”. That is to say, during the process of decentralization of responsibility for economic development to local governments, the central government shifted the responsibility of redistribution as well and now mainly relies on the fiscal transfer to function. This institutional strategy not only damaged the fairness and efficiency of the social security system but also caused difficulty for the transformation of public finance at the macro level and it may not even be sustainable. Based on further standardizing the responsibilities among governments and consolidating the enthusiasm of economic development by local governments, the wise choice is to enhance the overall level of social security and gradually improve the central government’s responsibility for redistribution, so as to lay a stable and standardized functional basis for the sustainable development of the socialist market economy.

Key words Federalism; Functional Theory; Development; Redistribution

● THEORETICAL REVIEW

The Quality of Government; Structural Indicator of State Governance

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Abstract The structural analysis of state governance is essential for its development of real concerns and theoretical exploration and the quality of government, as a main structural indicator of state governance, has drawn widespread attention from domestic and international scholars. This article first analyzes the connotation characteristics, influencing factors, related measurements and verification of the quality of government, thus revealing that the quality of government can reflect the current level of state governance in different countries. Furthermore, the article highlights the research value of the quality of government, by comparing it with several other competitive concepts such as organizational performance, governance and good governance, as well as state capacity and state-building. In conclusion, the essay notes that the research on quality of government can shed new light on exploring the process of state governance, from the aspects of theoretical deepening and empirical implementation.

Key words Quality Of Government; State Governance; Substitute Indicator; Competitive Concepts; Relationship

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