

Abstract

In this rapid changing and highly competitive global environment, nations aim to increase their competitiveness with new measures of public management. This has paved the way for many regional developments and changes since the 1980s. In theory, the emphasis of decentralization has led the discourse of new public management to post-new public management. In practice, a dual insistence of centralization and decentralization is embedded within current development, which has been agglomerated as the spirit of joined-up government in the name of post-new public management. With the information collected from six sessions of forum with 54 interviewers, this paper attempts to reveal the predicament of regional governance and the possible future shift of administrative reform in Taiwan.

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