



“Democratic Governance and Economic Performance” Dino Falaschetti. *Studies in Public Choice*, Vol. 14, 2009, 16 pages.

The author argues that too much accountability can diminish economic performance and is likely to have done so in applications. He examines how political accountability constrains economic opportunities, then synthesizes key ideas from social choice theory, organizational economics, and interest group politics to challenge conventional wisdom about the benefits of democratic governance in organizations.

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“Bangkok LEADING 2009: Leadership and Innovations in the Democratic Governance”

United Nations Development Programme, June 2009, 34 pages.

This seminar report examines global trends and developments in the areas of democratization and democracy assistance, focusing on democratic governance assistance and strategic discussions of how the assistance provided by the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) can be better tailored to realities on the ground.

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<http://www.undp.org/oslocentre/docs09/bangkok/LEADING-SEMINAR-REPORT.pdf>



“10th Annual Performance Report Scorecard: Which Federal Agencies Best Inform the Public?” Henry Wray, et al. *Mercatus Center*, May 5, 2009, 112 pages.

This report ranks the quality of disclosure of the Performance and Accountability Reports prepared by the 24 U.S. federal agencies covered by the Chief Financial Officers Act. Using three categories of criteria -- Transparency, Public Benefits and Forward-Looking Leadership -- the report evaluates how an agency discloses its successes and failures, how well an agency documents the tangible public benefits it claims to have produced, and whether an agency demonstrates forward-looking leadership that uses annual performance information to devise strategies for improvement.

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