Alternative Measures of Governance: Using Inductive Methods

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Governance has become one of the most commonly used concepts in the social sciences. Despite that, there has been little effective measurement of the concept. Scholars and international organizations have developed a number of measuring schemes, but all appear to have a number of weaknesses. Most are directed as a particular dimension of governance, especially “good governance”, but do not address the fundamental issues of governing. As a means of moving toward a more general measurement approaches this paper examines the similarities and differences among these measurement schemes. This analysis will involve using cluster analysis and factor analysis to develop some better sense of the existing measurement approaches and from that contribute to developing better measurement.

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