

FULBRIGHT SCHOOL OF PUBLIC POLICY AND MANAGEMENT

PUBLIC MANAGEMENT

SESSION 3
Public vs. Private



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- Finish the last week session: 1. Public Value inventory / 2. Good government
- Comparing public vs. private organizations
- How can we balance between public and private organizations



Trend





Conservative Government

Public Sector Management Neoliberalism (Washington Consensus)

"Import managerial process and behavior from the private sector!"

New Public Management

Public vs. Private Similarities



- "Public and private organizations are fundamentally alike in all unimportant aspect!"
- Gulick's work: POSDCORB
- Functions of general management
 - Strategy (establishing objectives and priorities)
 - Devising operational plans
 - Organizing and staffing
 - Directing personnel and the personal management sys.
 - Controlling performance
 - Dealing with external matters (collaboration, PR, etc.)



Wave of 'Private' Principles

- Following developed countries (e.g. U.S. and UK model of New Public Management) – Many of developing countries have attempted corporatization of government and public enterprises.
- Vietnam as well: e.g. Project 30 (2007); National Fund for Science and Technology Program accepted New Public Management model (Luong 2017)
- Obstacles: a. Lack of uniformity of the legal system. b. Still bureaucratic ideology, c. limited private sector, d. limited bureaucrats' capacity.



Public vs. Private: Differences

	Public	Private
Value	Service	
Responsive To	Polity	
Basis	Monopoly	
Services	Collective	
Sustainability	No Exit; Voice	

	Private	Public
Organizational Structure		
Continuity of Leadership		
Excess Funds		
Measurement of Objective		
Visibility		
Reducing Costs		
Rewards		
Operation Values	Efficiency	Effectiveness
Evaluation of Top Management		







George A. Boyne

John T. Dunlop

Time Perspective Duration Measurement of performance Personnel constraints **Equity and Efficiency** Public Processes (exposure) Press and media Persuasion and direction Legislative and judicial impact **Bottom line**

Boyne:

More red tape
More bureaucracy
Lower managerial autonomy
Publicness and Managerial
values

Trend:
An increasing variety of hybrids



Graham Allison

- "While the need for increased government efficiency is real, the notion that there is any significant body of private management practices and skills that can be transferred directly to the public sector...is wrong."
- Performance in public sector can be improved substantially, but not necessarily from massive borrowing of private sector skills and understandings.
- The effort to develop public management as a field of knowledge should start from the problems faced by practicing public managers.







"Simultaneous optimism and growing frustration among business leaders and investors



Systematically insufficient infrastructure Pervasive corruption Administrative structure

BIRTH OF PROJECT 30 (2007)





Administrative
Reform
Reduce red tape by
30%
Transparent, efficient
government



Recognized by Communist Leaders





Discussion

- Many countries including Vietnam have attempted to carry out New Public Management style reform but not been successful in many cases.
- Considering Project 30 and other reforms in Vietnamese context – what are the most important factors that lead to successful reform?
- Discuss



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