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Editorial Review

Review

In recent studies on corruption, several countries have consistently ranked better than others on two indicators, Transparency International's Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI) and the World Bank's Control of Corruption. In this text, eight international academics and consultants contribute nine chapters examining the successes of five of these countries - Denmark, Finland, Hong Kong, New Zealand, and Singapore - in curbing corruption, and identifying the lessons other countries might learn from their experiences. The text provides the first comparative analysis of anti-corruption strategies in Asian and European countries in a single volume, and will interest scholars, policymakers, anti-corruption practitioners, and civil society activists. It is also suitable for use in undergraduate and graduate courses on corruption and governance, and training courses conducted by anti-corruption agencies and international organizations. Following an introductory overview, individual chapters focus on each of the five successful countries. A chapter on India is also included for its unfavorable policy context and ineffective anti-corruption strategy. Closing chapters discuss the challenges of assessing success in combating corruption, and compare the different paths taken by the five successful countries and India. Distributed in North America by Turbin Distribution. --

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'[the book] will be of interest to scholars and practitioners in public administration, comparative politics, and anticorruption. It complements and extends current econometric approaches to understanding corruption and relates it to broader macrohistorical themes in development. It will also be very useful for teaching in the growing number of university courses on corruption, raising questions of method as well as substance.' -- Peter Larmour, Australian National University. Reviewed in Governance, Volume 27, Issue 3

Jon Quah's latest contribution to our understanding of the numerous ways in which corruption can be curbed is full of valuable insights and sound advice, based on empirical evidence. It will be indispensable not only to academic students of corruption, but also--perhaps even more so--to anti-corruption practitioners. --Leslie Holmes, School of Social and Political Sciences University of Melbourne, Australia. Reviewed in Asian Journal of Political Science, Volume 23, Issue 1

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