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**Key Words** Reformation of Official Vehicles' Use; Management; Democracy; Redistribution; Integrity

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**Abstract** Recent academic discussion on the subject demonstrates that economic liberalization not only induces market competition and reduces government intervention but also plays an important role in preventing corruption. However, this is not the case in China. Since the government initiated market - oriented reform, corruption has become increasingly rampant. Some scholars attribute increased corruption to the discretion that officials gained from power decentralization. Discretion alone cannot explain corruption in the reform, however. Why has market competition failed to contain official power and how does discretionary power operate under market conditions? The authors argue that government officials with discretionary power can undermine a developing market, shape firms' behavior, and replace market mechanisms with informal rules. In this way, officials can manipulate the market, thus contributing to the growth of corruption. Examining China's bidding practice in public procurement, the authors discuss how officials influence market operation during economic liberalization, in order to probe the economic roots of corruption and provide policy suggestions.

**Key Words** Corruption; Discretionary Power; Market; Competition; Bidding

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**Abstract** In this paper, we first established a set of indicators for evaluating the quality of the official websites of local people's congresses in China. Within this process, theories on e - parliament developed by western scholars were brought in; responsibilities of the legislative branch of the Chinese government considered; and, the benchmarking practices of the website of the National People's Congress referred

to. Then, we utilized this set of indicators to evaluate the websites of the 31 governments at the provincial level, resulting in a ranking of their performances. Finally, a few simple OLS models were built up to identify the determinants of the quality of provincial people's congress websites. We found that the variation of the website qualities cannot be explained by the different levels of economic or internet development among provinces. What matters is managerial in nature; Good websites are those with specific agencies responsible for their construction and maintenance.

**Key words** Provincial People's Congress; Website; Indicators; Evaluation

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**Abstract** This paper uses a panel data set of 27 provinces from 1995 to 2008 to identify the determinants of center – to – province fiscal transfers since the adoption of the new tax assignment system in China. Estimation is made with a fixed effects model, the dependent variable being the controllable part in per capita transfer payments. The paper finds that the main factors in determining the distribution of transfer payments among the provinces include ( a ) the need to operate grass – root governmental units; ( b ) the urgency to maintain social stability; ( c ) macroeconomic stabilization and growth, and ( d ) the ability of provincial governments to bargain with central ministries.

**Key Words** Transfer Payments; Influence Factors; Empirical Analysis

Risk Management in U. S. State and Local Government Pension Systems

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**Abstract** Public pension plans are an integral part of financial management in state and local governments. The goal of a public pension system is to provide retirement security to public employees with reasonable costs. This article discusses U. S. state and local pension systems, with special attention to the policy tools and mechanisms that are designed to minimize the risks to the beneficiaries and to the sponsoring

governments. These include benefit risks, funding risks, and investment risks. These risks can be controlled by several approaches, including risk assessing, monitoring, reporting and risk sharing. In this respect, pension management practice of the state and local governments in the U. S. can offer some lessons to pension reforms in other countries, including China. In this article, national surveys and reports are used as data sources to describe the overall situation. In particular, pension management in the City of Omaha, Nebraska is discussed as a case to demonstrate how pensions are managed in a local government.

**Key Words** Public Pension; Risk Management; State and Local Governments

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A Literature Review on Representative Bureaucracy

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**Abstract** Representative bureaucracy is not only a key issue in public administration, but a major concern for political sciences as well. Representative bureaucracy reflects the degree of democracy, equality, stability and openness to a society. If the societal background of the bureaucratic workforce was more representative of the citizenry, then bureaucrats' policy reference could be more inclined to engage with the problems of the people's wellbeing, the interests of middle and lower classes in the society would be somewhat more secure, and the changes in the social structure would develop in a more rational and stable direction. Despite the rich occidental, theoretical and empirical research results on representative bureaucracy, the research studies in China on this topic are few. This area of inquiry in China deserves further attention. This paper has traced and synthesized the research contents, major authors and their views, as well as the research methods on representative bureaucracy theories, and has analyzed their contribution, complexity and limitation. Lastly, the paper indicates the learning significance of representative bureaucracy for China's practice.

**Key words** Representative Bureaucracy; Contributions; Limitations; Lessons

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