

# Governance and International Political Economy

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**Abstract:** *Governance and International Political Economy (IPE) is an interdisciplinary area of study that examines the intersection of politics and economics at the international level. It explores how political institutions, policies, and actors influence economic outcomes and vice versa. Global Governance refers to the institutions, processes, and norms that govern international relations and global economic activities (Cohen, B. J. 2020). Additionally, the Author examines the roles and functions of international organizations such as the United Nations, World Trade Organization (WTO), International Monetary Fund (IMF), and World Bank in shaping global economic governance. Moreover, Governance and International Political Economy provide a comprehensive framework for understanding the multifaceted relationship between politics and economics on the global stage. Equally important, by examining governance structures, international institutions, trade, finance, development, and power dynamics, scholars in this field contribute to our understanding of how decisions and actions in the political realm shape economic systems and vice versa. The objective of researching this title for "Governance and International Political Economy" is to investigate a deeper understanding of the relationship between governance systems and the international political economy. This article focuses on examining how different forms of governance, both national and international, shape and influence economic interactions among nations. Furthermore, this knowledge is vital for policymakers, businesses, and individuals seeking to navigate the complexities of the global economy and address pressing economic challenges. My argument purpose of researching governance and international political economy is to deepen scholar understanding of how governance mechanisms shape economic interactions at the international level, and to inform policies and decision-making processes to address global challenges and promote sustainable economic development.*

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## 1. Introduction

Governance and International Political Economy (IPE) is a dynamic field of study that explores the intricate relationship between politics and economics at the global level. It delves into how political institutions, policies, and actors shape and are shaped by economic processes in the international arena. By examining the interplay between power, governance structures, and economic outcomes, (Smith, & Johnson, 2022). Additionally, Governance and IPE shed light on the complexities of the global economy and the forces that shape it. At its core, Governance and IPE are interdisciplinary fields that draw upon concepts and theories from political science, economics, international relations, sociology, and other social sciences. Scholars and researchers in this field analyze the interactions between states, international organizations, multinational corporations, non-state actors, and various economic factors to gain a comprehensive understanding of how decisions and actions in the political realm impact economic systems, and vice versa. One of the primary focuses of Governance and IPE is the examination of global governance mechanisms. This encompasses the study of international institutions, norms, rules, and practices that govern economic interactions and shape the behavior of states and other actors. Key institutions such as the United Nations, World Trade Organization (WTO), International Monetary Fund (IMF), and World Bank play significant roles in shaping global economic governance and addressing challenges related to trade, finance, development, and other issues. International trade is another fundamental area of study within Governance and IPE. (Zelicovich, Julieta 2018), It analyzes the policies, agreements, and disputes that arise in the exchange of goods and services between countries. Themes such as tariffs, trade agreements, protectionism, and the impacts of globalization on national economies are

explored in depth; the field examines the influence of power dynamics, domestic politics, and economic factors on trade patterns and policies. Moreover, the Authors, argument focus on examining the role and effectiveness of global governance institutions like the International Monetary Fund (IMF), World Bank, World Trade Organization (WTO), and regional organizations in shaping the international political economy. This involves evaluating the governance structures, decision-making processes, and policies of these institutions and assessing their impact on global economic outcomes. What is the purpose of this research? The purpose of researching the article of "Governance and International Political Economy" is to advance insightful understanding of the relationship between governance mechanisms and the functioning of the international political economy. The author's objective in researching this subject is to look at how various types of governance including market processes, laws, regulations, and international organizations affect how countries' economies interact. Moreover, the article often focuses on issues such as trade, investment, financial markets, development, and global economic governance.

## 2. Background

Governance and International Political Economy (IPE) emerged as an interdisciplinary field of study in the late 20th century, driven by the recognition that politics and economics are deeply intertwined and have profound implications for global affairs. The field draws on theories and methodologies from political science, economics, international relations, sociology, and other social sciences to analyze the complex interactions between political and economic factors in the international arena (Madariaga, Aldo (2019), Furthermore, the origins of Governance and IPE can be traced back to the post-World War II era when the

international system underwent significant transformations. The establishment of institutions like the United Nations, the Bretton Woods system, and the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) laid the foundation for global governance and economic cooperation. The emergence of new challenges, such as decolonization, the Cold War, and economic interdependence, brought attention to the need for understanding the interplay between politics and economics (Ramos, Leonardo and Marina Scotelaro (2018), In the 1970s and 1980s, scholars began to explore the intersection of politics and economics through the lens of international relations and political economy. They sought to examine how power, interests, and institutions shape economic outcomes and policies at the international level. The field gained further momentum with the rise of globalization, which deepened economic integration and increased the interdependencies between countries. Governance and IPE gained prominence as scholars and policymakers recognized that economic decisions and policies have far-reaching political implications, and political decisions and actions significantly impact economic systems. The field provides a framework for analyzing issues such as international trade, finance, development, global governance mechanisms, power dynamics, and the role of non-state actors in shaping the global economy, (Strange, Susan. (2018). Equally, Scholars in Governance and IPE employ a range of theoretical perspectives and methodologies to study these complex issues. I hypothesize that this draws on theories of international relations, such as realism, liberalism, constructivism, and Marxism, to understand the dynamics of power, cooperation, and conflict in the global economy. What's more in Economic theories, such as neoclassical economics, institutional economics, and dependency theory, provide insights into the functioning of markets, economic decision-making, and the distribution of resources. **Moreover**, the field is augmented by qualitative research methods, including surveys, and interviews, focus group discussion in order to examine practical patterns, in testing hypotheses, and analyze policy outcomes. It is a alive and evolving field, with ongoing debates and new research agendas exploring emerging areas such as digital governance, climate change, inequality, and the impact of technological advancements on the global economy. Moreover, the study of governance and international political economy allows researchers to investigate pressing global challenges, such as inequality, poverty, climate change, technological advancements, and the impact of globalization. It also helps in understanding how governance mechanisms can address or exacerbate these challenges. Furthermore, from my article of governance and international political economy will improve coordination and collaboration between different countries, organizations, and stakeholders. It offers a framework for evaluating the performance of current governance structures and looking at reform and cooperation opportunities.

### 3. Literature Review

This literature review focuses on the most influential and relevant Governance and International Political Economy and developments in regulation and governance scholarship. In addition, it also draws on work undertaken in a range of complementary disciplines and areas, including industrial

relations, political economy, labour economics, labour law and global labour studies. The realm of international finance is also integral to Governance and IPE. It investigates the global financial system, including topics such as capital flows, exchange rates, monetary policies, and financial crises (Baldwin, Richard E.2016). Scholars in this area analyze the roles of central banks, international financial institutions, and regulatory frameworks in maintaining stability and managing economic risks at the global level. Furthermore, Governance and IPE investigate into development economics, which explores the challenges and prospects of economic development in different regions of the world. **The article** also investigates the relationships between economic growth, poverty reduction, income inequality, foreign aid, and sustainability. Understanding the complex dynamics between governance structures, policies, and economic development is crucial for addressing issues of poverty and achieving sustainable economic growth. **Lastly**, Governance and IPE examine power dynamics and the distribution of influence in the global economy. It analyzes the roles and interests of states, multinational corporations, non-governmental organizations, and emerging powers in shaping economic policies and outcomes. The field explores concepts such as hegemony, economic imperialism, and the shifting dynamics of power in the global economic order. In assumption, Governance and International Political Economy provide a comprehensive framework for understanding the multifaceted relationship between politics and economics on the global stage (Dicken, Peter 2014). Moreover, by examining governance structures, international institutions, trade, finance, development, and power dynamics, scholars in this field contribute to our understanding of how decisions and actions in the political realm shape economic systems and vice versa. This knowledge is vital for policymakers, businesses, and individuals seeking to navigate the complexities of the global economy and address pressing economic challenges. Moreover, in considering the implications of governance for economic development as a researcher, I aim to interpret the ways in which various governance models influence poverty alleviation, inequality, economic development, and sustainability. The article involves investigating the relationships between governance quality, institutional frameworks, and economic outcomes in different countries or regions. Additionally, as a researcher for researching "Governance and International Political Economy" my aims is to provide insights into how governance systems shape economic policies, international trade, financial systems, and economic development at the global level. This article helps to make understand the complexities and challenges associated with the governance of international economic relations, equally important I hope this will provide a foundation for policy analysis and formulation in an increasingly interconnected world. As an Author, I observed over the body of literature and examined relevant academic articles, books, reports, and other scholarly publications related to governance, international political economy, and related subfields. I hope this literature provides a foundation of knowledge, theoretical frameworks, and empirical evidence to inform the research. Additionally, the data source for my research is frequently used to gather and analyze data for examining many aspects of international political economy and governance. I believe that this article

optimistically offers inclusive insights into governance actions and decision-making processes, which may also be accessed through qualitative data sources such as policy texts, interviews, and debates. It is important to keep in mind that the specific inputs could change based on the approach, research topic, and resources available. As an author, for instance, I am continuously involved in a dynamic process of gathering, analyzing, and synthesizing material in order to contribute to the body of knowledge currently accessible on international political economy and governance.

### 3.1 Governance theory in political economy

Governance theory in political economy refers to the study of how political and economic actors interact within systems of governance to shape economic outcomes. It examines the roles, relationships, and decision-making processes of various actors, such as states, international organizations, multinational corporations, and non-state actors, in governing economic activities and policies. Governance theory in political economy encompasses a range of perspectives and approaches that seek to understand the dynamics of power, authority, and accountability in economic governance (Ewalt, Jo Ann 2001). Furthermore, Governance theory emphasizes the importance of institutions, both formal and informal, in shaping economic behavior and outcomes. Institutions include rules, norms, and organizations that provide the framework for economic decision-making and coordination. Scholars analyze how different institutional arrangements, such as property rights, regulatory frameworks, and governance structures, influence economic activities and outcomes (Laura Edgar, 2006). Moreover, Governance theory highlights the agency and interests of individual actors in shaping economic governance. It examines how actors exercise power and influence through various mechanisms, such as lobbying, negotiation, and coalition-building. This perspective acknowledges that economic governance is a product of the interactions and power dynamics among different actors. Equally, Governance theory explores different modes of economic governance, ranging from hierarchical forms of governance (e.g., state regulation, command and control) to market-based mechanisms (e.g., competition, self-regulation) and networked forms of governance (e.g., public-private partnerships, collaborative governance). It examines the strengths and limitations of these modes in achieving economic efficiency, equity, and sustainability. In globally, Governance theory in political economy extends beyond the nation-state level to examine global economic governance. It analyzes the roles and effectiveness of international organizations, such as the World Trade Organization (WTO), International Monetary Fund (IMF), and World Bank, in governing global economic activities. It also explores the influence of transnational networks, civil society organizations, and non-state actors in shaping global economic governance. Beside on this, Governance theory emphasizes the need for accountability and transparency in economic governance. It examines mechanisms for holding actors accountable, such as democratic processes, regulatory oversight, and civil society engagement. It also explores the role of information disclosure and access in enhancing transparency and reducing asymmetries of power. My argument, it is important to remember that many writers may

have diverse viewpoints and concepts. However, as the author, I think that governance is a multifaceted and intricate system that includes a variety of actors, institutions, laws, and procedures. As such, my paper presents some broad assumptions that are frequently made in this Governance theory in Political Economy framework. Political economics' governance theory acknowledges that several levels of governance, such as the international, national, and local ones, function, and that the interconnections among these levels affect how the political economy functions. Economics and politics are interdependent, as It is a common assumption made by authors including myself that politics and economics are inextricably linked. Political economy governance theory acknowledges that political choices and actions have a significant influence on economic activity and vice versa. In order to understand the dynamics of governance in the political economy, one must grasp the interaction between political and economic processes, according to governance theory in political economics. The authors frequently make the assumption that governance processes are shaped by interests, power, and competing interests. Political economy's theory of governance acknowledges that players with different power structures and interests participate in contestation, negotiation, and bargaining to shape the course of governance. Comprehending the dynamics of power and interests is essential to understanding the functioning of governance and its impact on economic results.

### 3.2 International Political

International Politics refers to the study of political interactions and dynamics among states and other actors in the international system. It examines how states, international organizations, non-state actors, and other entities navigate and shape global politics, including issues of power, conflict, cooperation, diplomacy, and governance. In the field of International Relations, scholars analyze various aspects of international politics, including the behavior of states, the formation and implementation of foreign policies, the role of international institutions, the impact of globalization, and the dynamics of conflict and cooperation. The study of international politics encompasses a wide range of theories and approaches, including realism, liberalism, constructivism, Marxism, feminism, and post structuralism. These theories offer different perspectives on the motivations, interactions, and strategies of states and other actors in the international arena, (Baylis, Smith, & Owens, 2017). Understanding international politics is crucial for comprehending the complexities of global affairs, including issues like international security, global governance, economic interdependence, human rights, environmental challenges, and the impact of emerging technologies. It involves analyzing the interactions and power dynamics between states, as well as the influence of non-state actors and transnational networks. General, the study of international politics aims to provide insights into the political processes, structures, and dynamics that shape the behavior of actors at the international level and their impact on global outcomes (Keohane, & Nye, 2001). Additionally, the study of international politics explores the role of norms, ideas, and values in shaping global affairs. Scholars examine how shared beliefs and norms influence

state behavior, international institutions, and the formation of international regimes. These normative frameworks can affect issues such as human rights, democracy, humanitarian interventions, and the resolution of global challenges, (Waltz, K. N: 1979). Furthermore, in my opinion as the author, the study of international politics takes into account how resource distribution and power imbalances affect world politics. Furthermore, the idea of power be it economic, military, soft power plays significant role in shaping the behavior and interactions of states. Additionally, Scholars examine power dynamics, hegemony, and the pursuit of national interests in the international system. Therefore, understanding international politics requires analyzing the complex interplay between domestic and international factors. Domestic politics, including the political systems, societal values, and public opinion of states, can influence their foreign policies and interactions with other actors on the global stage. Moreover, I believe that the International relations are significantly shaped by non-state players as well, including terrorist organizations, multinational corporations, and NGOs. The study of Governance and International Political Economy now faces new dynamics and problems as a result of the growth of technology, transnational networks and global civil society.

### 3.3 Political Economy theory

Political Economy theory refers to a multidisciplinary approach that analyzes the interaction between politics and economics. It seeks to understand how political and economic factors shape and influence each other within societies and across different levels of governance. Political Economy theory examines the distribution of power, resources, and wealth, as well as the institutions, policies, and ideologies that underpin economic systems. Within Political Economy theory, there are several important subfields and viewpoints. (Manji, F., & Winters, J. A. (Eds.). (2012). Classical Political Economy, this branch of Political Economy emerged in the 18th and 19th centuries and includes notable thinkers such as Adam Smith and Karl Marx. Classical Political Economy focuses on the analysis of market forces, the role of capitalism, and the dynamics of economic production, distribution, and exchange. Neoclassical Political Economy builds upon classical theories but incorporates mathematical and quantitative methods to analyze economic behavior. It emphasizes rational decision-making by individuals and the efficiency of market mechanisms while considering factors such as supply and demand, prices, and consumer preferences. Marxist Political Economy is the perspective, inspired by the works of Karl Marx, examines the relationships between social classes, exploitation, and the role of capitalism in shaping economic outcomes. (Stiglitz, J. E.2012) Marxist Political Economy focuses on the analysis of power dynamics, class struggle, and the contradictions inherent in capitalist systems. Institutional Political Economy emphasizes the importance of institutions, rules, and norms in shaping economic behavior and outcomes. It examines the role of formal and informal institutions, such as property rights, regulations, and governance structures, in influencing economic processes and development. (Aoki, M. 2001). Furthermore, the author makes the assumption that the field of international political economy, which analyzes various

political and economic systems across nations and regions, explains differences in welfare outcomes, inequality, and economic performance. I assume that, to examine factors such as political institutions, cultural norms, and historical legacies possibly explain cross-national differences in economic development. Lastly, Critical Political Economy examines power dynamics, social injustices, and the effects of neoliberalism and globalization by drawing on a variety of viewpoints, including feminist and Marxist views. It investigates alternative models of economic structure and governance and challenges mainstream economic ideology.

### 3.4 Positive Governance and International Political Economy

Positive governance refers to the presence of effective governance that is beneficial to society. It is characterized by transparency, accountability, participation, rule of law, and responsiveness. Positive governance can have a significant impact on the international political economy. It can create stability, promote economic development, and make it easier for countries to cooperate on global issues. (Boone, 2003). Moreover, for example, transparency can help to reduce corruption and promote investor confidence. Accountability can ensure that government officials are held responsible for their actions. Participation can give citizens a voice in decision-making processes. Rule of law can protect property rights and ensure that contracts are enforced. And responsiveness can ensure that government policies are effective in meeting the needs of citizens. The international community has a number of tools at its disposal to promote positive governance. These include technical assistance, financial assistance, and capacity building. In recent years, there has been a growing recognition of the need to promote positive governance. The United Nations has adopted a number of resolutions on the issue, and there have been a number of high-profile conferences on the topic (North, D. C. (1990). The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) also include a number of targets related to positive governance. For example, SDG 16 calls for the promotion of peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, providing access to justice for all, and building effective, accountable, and inclusive institutions at all levels. The following are some specific examples of how positive governance can impact the international political economy) 1) Transparency can help to reduce corruption and promote investor confidence. When government operations are transparent, it is more difficult for corrupt officials to siphon off funds for their own personal gain. This can make it more attractive for investors to invest in a country, which can lead to economic growth. 2) Accountability can ensure that government officials are held responsible for their actions. When government officials know that they will be held accountable for their actions, they are more likely to act in the best interests of the people. This can lead to better government policies and more effective service delivery. 3) Participation can give citizens a voice in decision-making processes. When citizens are able to participate in decision-making processes, they are more likely to feel that their voices are heard and that their needs are being considered. This can lead to more inclusive and equitable policies. 4) Rule of law can protect property rights and ensure that contracts are enforced. When there is rule of law, businesses

and individuals can feel confident that their investments and contracts will be respected. This can lead to more investment and economic growth.5) Responsiveness can ensure that government policies are effective in meeting the needs of citizens. When government policies are responsive to the needs of citizens, they are more likely to be successful in achieving their objectives. This can lead to improved outcomes for citizens, such as better education and healthcare.6) Technical assistance: Technical assistance can be provided to help countries develop and implement effective governance reforms. For instance, the World Bank and other international organizations can provide technical assistance on topics such as public financial management, procurement, and anti-corruption.7) Financial assistance: Financial assistance can be provided to support good governance reforms. For example, the World Bank and other international organizations can provide financial assistance for projects such as building new institutions, training government officials, and raising awareness of good governance issues.8) Capacity building: Capacity building can be provided to help countries strengthen their institutions and improve their ability to deliver effective governance. For example, the World Bank and other international organizations can provide capacity building on topics such as strategic planning, performance management, and risk management.

### 3.5 Negative Governance and International Political Economy

Negative governance refers to the absence of effective governance, or the presence of governance that is harmful or destructive. It can manifest in a variety of ways, including corruption, human rights abuses, and the failure to provide basic public services. Negative governance can have a significant impact on the international political economy. It can create instability, hinder economic development, and make it difficult for countries to cooperate on global issues. (Brautigam, D.2020. Additionally, for instance, corruption can distort economic incentives and discourage investment. Human rights abuses can create social unrest and make it difficult for countries to attract tourists or foreign workers. And the failure to provide basic public services can lead to poverty and inequality. The international community has a number of tools at its disposal to address negative governance. These include sanctions, foreign aid, and diplomacy. However, these tools are often difficult to use effectively, and they can have unintended consequences. In recent years, there has been a growing recognition of the need to address negative governance. The United Nations has adopted a number of resolutions on the issue, and there have been a number of high-profile conferences on the topic (Dreher, & Gassebner, 2012). However, there is still a long way to go in addressing negative governance. It is a complex problem with no easy solutions. But it is a problem that the international community must address if it wants to create a more just and prosperous world. I believe that the following are specific examples of how negative governance can impact the international political economy, 1) Corruption can lead to the misallocation of resources and the diversion of funds away from essential public services. This can have a negative impact on economic growth and development.2) Human rights abuses can create an environment of fear and

intimidation, which can discourage investment and trade. It can also make it difficult for countries to cooperate on global issues.3) The failure to provide basic public services, such as education and healthcare, can lead to poverty and inequality. This can create social unrest and make it difficult for countries to achieve their development goals.

## 4. Methodology

As an Authors I, used to conduct this study through qualitative data collection through interviews and also organize focus group discussions with key stakeholders, including policymakers, government officials, business leaders, and civil society representatives. These qualitative research methods allow for in-depth exploration of governance practices, decision-making processes, and the perspectives of those involved in shaping the international political economy. The data collection also includes existing data such as secondary to relevant academic articles, books, reports, and other scholarly publications related to governance, international political economy, and also related subfields reexamining existing data to answer new research hypotheses, furthermore, the author used to examine the relationships, interdependencies, and flows of information, resources, including influence among actors in the international political economy. Additionally, the Author, certainly collect data on governance networks, such as intergovernmental organizations, think tanks, or advocacy groups, and use network analysis techniques to explore the "Governance, and International Political Economy" the structure, dynamics, and influence is an important in remarking that the Author often to combine multiple methodologies for qualitative data and enhance the strength of the findings, the specific choice of methodology depends on the research objectives, data availability, and the analytical approach that best bring into line with the research hypothesis at hand.

## 5. Conclusion

- 1) In response to the conclusion, ongoing work for Governance and International Political Economy needed to improve global governance structures' efficacy, accountability, transparency, and inclusivity. It also necessary to support fair representation, democratic decision-making, and cooperation amongst various governing systems. The conclusions drawn from the fields of international political economics and governance imply that this gap can be filled by increasing the processes for collecting and exchanging data, as well as the capacity of governance institutions to uphold the law.
- 2) Global governance frameworks are characterized by power asymmetries, wherein influential governments, multinational businesses, and international financial institutions exercise considerable influence. The conclusion demonstrates how these disparities in power might protract inequality in the global political economy and hinder the ability of weaker actors to influence the results of governance.
- 3) The author made the argument that, corrupt government can fuel conflict; poverty, and instability,

effective governance can promote international collaboration, economic development, and stability.

- 4) The author theorized that a secure and prosperous international setting can be fostered by positive governance, which is defined by transparency, accountability, involvement, rule of law, and responsiveness. And perhaps draw in foreign investment, advance commerce, and foster collaboration on international issues like pandemics and climate change.
- 5) Scholars, included myself, argue that the international political economy can be damaged by negative governance, which is characterized by violations of human rights, corruption, and an absence of the rule of law. It can stifle trade, deter investment, and inflame international relations.
- 6) My presumption is It is the duty of the global community to combat bad governance and advance good governance. This can be accomplished in a number of ways, including by developing capacity and offering financial and technical support.
- 7) My argument is that the international community has role to play in terms of responsibility to promote positive governance and address negative governance. This can be done through various means, such as providing technical assistance, financial assistance, and capacity building.

## 6. Future scope on Governance and International Political Economy

The field of Governance and International Political Economy holds significant potential for future research and exploration. Moreover, my assumption is that the increasing influence of digital technologies and the rise of the digital economy present new challenges and opportunities for governance and the international political economy. Future research may require focus on understanding how digital governance mechanisms, such as data privacy regulations, cybersecurity policies, and digital trade agreements, interact with economic systems and shape international economic relations. For instance, the existing global economic governance architecture, including institutions like the IMF, World Bank, and WTO, faces calls for reform to address emerging challenges and power shifts in the global economy on this future research can also search potential reforms, alternative governance models, and the implications of evolving power dynamics on global economic governance.

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