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The Changing Nature of Public Administration: From Easy Answers to Hard Questions

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Abstract

The changes in public administration over the past several decades have been expressed primarily in terms of a contrast between New Public Management and traditional administration. This paper points to a third strand of development, usually referred to as "governance". The changes imposed by New Public Management and by governance are to some extent occurring simultaneously, but have very different implications for the public sector.

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