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Participatory Budgeting at the local level in Taiwan: Impediments and Opportunities

Abstract

Increasing the representation of the public in governments is the recent trend of reinventing government. Participatory budgeting, which is an important mechanism in local budget process, is advocated by practitioners and scholars to inject citizen input into a budget process. Many current studies are the topic of participatory budgeting, but rare political influences and factors are analyzed in the usage of it. Based on the viewpoints of the public budget decision model argued by Rubin (2000), this essay mainly describes the functions of participatory budgeting, analyzes the primary political effects of participatory budgeting, and have suggestions for decreasing these political influences. The study assets that the development of participatory budgeting would limit because of potential political factors, including the concern of power relations between citizens and local governments in budget policy, political-oriented budget process, the conflict of budget decision-making model between top-down approach and bottom-up approach, political thoughts and motives to budget policy, and potential budget actors.

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