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The Axiomatic System of Singapore's Effective Governance

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Abstract

The effective administration of the Singaporean government may be explained with an axiomatic system, one in which propositions and even theorems (ideas, principles and policies for governance in this case) can be deduced from primary conceptions, postulates and axioms. Based upon its actual primary conception, namely 'the reality refers to "that which exists out there" whether acknowledged or not', the Singaporean government maintains that 'the plausibility of a system is not necessarily rendered by its good, but the good always dependent upon the plausibility'; based upon its proposition that human nature embodies the duality of good and evil, it has developed an integrity system in which 'governmental cleanness derives from the reduction of corruption via moral teachings, high salaries as well as relevant rules and laws'; furthermore, holding the axiom that 'all men and women work firstly for their own families and themselves', the Singaporean government suggests 'working for earnings, and earning as a result of working', as well as 'not taking favour from others for granted', hence its policy of 'helping those willing hard-workers'. Overall, it is based upon primary conceptions, prepositions and theorems that the mentioned ideas, policies and the overall system can ever work decisively and securely.

Key Words

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