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### **An International Political Economy Perspective of Administrative Reform**

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This paper outlines a method of studying administrative reform in nation-states through a focus upon the role and function of policy transfer structured by concepts of power derived from international political economy (IPE). In this approach, the nation state is viewed as the competitive state continually seeking advantage compared with other nation states, where administrative reform is one method pursued in this objective and driven by international factors. Through a discussion of the nature of competitiveness and power with the international system, a discrete range of models are presented to account for administrative reform which are then illustrated through two case studies of China and Hong Kong.

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