



## **GOVERNANCE STUDIES**

### **Mandatory subject for Comprehensive Examination**

#### **Questions:**

**1. Please, define and introduce the main elements of governance studies from a cross-disciplinary viewpoint!**

- terms and methods for integrated (multi-inter-transdisciplinary) research
- subjects and scope of governance studies
- the role and understanding the state in governance studies
- the nature of complex problems (wicked issues)

**2. What is the difference between „government“ and governance“?**

- the traditional functions of government vs. government as a complex centre of decision-making
- the operational and strategic dimensions of the policy-making process
- structure, process, actors and dilemmas of governance
- good governance and good government

**3. Please, argue pros and cons whether the shift from society to state-centric governance can be treated as a fundamental transformation?**

- hollowing out of the state, agencyfication, decentralization, New Public Management vs. state capacity, government ability, Centre of Government, de-agencyfication, coordination, Post-New Public Management
- take the concept of whole-of government as an example

**4. How could you characterize the concept of meta-governance in general and its role to respond to the failure of governance in particular?**

- the crisis of three governance models
- meta-governance as a response to the failure of governance
- the role of state and government in meta-governance
- implementation of meta-governance

## 5. Please, introduce multi-level governance (MLG) as a concept, as specific form and mode of governance, and as an analytical tool!

- origin, concept and critics
- Generations of MLG
- Type I and Type II as an analytical tool
- Future MLG scholarship

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