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A cross-disciplinary, inter-actor and pluri-cultural approach to governance

Presentation of the main results of the work of the Institute for Research and Debate on Governance (IRG).

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Plan of the presentation

- 1. Identity and mission of IRG**
- 2. Our approach to governance and our working methods**
- 3. Results of a comparative analysis**



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1. Identity and mission of IRG

Created in 2006 as an initiative of the Charles Léopold Mayer Foundation, the Institute for Research and Debate on Governance has as its mission to open new avenues for reflection and debate on governance.

IRG is an independent non profit organization.



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IRG works on a :

- pluri-cultural basis
- on a cross-disciplinary basis,
- on an inter-actor basis.



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2. Our approach to governance and our working methods

2.1. The duality of governance

- The first trend is to conceive of governance as an *institutional toolbox*
- The second trend is a critique of “good governance” which calls into question its universal character.



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2.2. IRG's position

Governance concerns models for organizing and regulating “togetherness” in society, from the local to the global level, and the production of communal rules.



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2. Our approach to governance and our working methods

2.3. Tools and methodology of IRG

- *Collective and cross-disciplinary research: files of case studies*
- *Multi-actor conferences: international cycle for debate and proposals on governance 2007-2012:*
- *A website*



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3. Results of a comparative analysis

3.1. The technical dimension of governance : the evaluation of institutions

3.2 The local dimension of governance : example of decentralization.



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Conclusions

The comparative analysis of governance leads us, above all, to reconsider the **notion**, beginning with the reality of territories, local tiers where the diversity of needs and popular rationales are expressed.

It also makes it possible to identify common governance difficulties and allows us to move forward, with our partners, on the elaboration of propositions.



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Participation in comparative research workshops such as this Canadian conference allows us to enrich our points of view and supplement our analysis.

Thank you very much to the organizers.