Governance in Samoa
Pulega i Samoa

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What governance agenda for Samoa?

'Governance' was recently introduced into development terminology by the World Bank and has been popularly adopted by international aid donors in the Pacific. Governance agendas have been criticised for offering trendy and pre-ordained programs that fail to address the complexities of particular local situations. This book details how governance programs have affected some local institutions and practices in Samoa and provides practical ways for more efficiently tailoring future programs to the development needs of the country. Empirical case studies are provided on issues of nascent civil society, problems of urban management, non-government organisations working in the area of women's health, relationships between the national government and villages, and the subversion of custom and constitutional processes to personal political ambitions. The book contributes to an understanding of how to enhance the efficient accountable management of Samoa's economic, political, social and cultural resources for the benefit of all its citizens.