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Governance Indicators

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1. There is a mismatch between the expectations decision makers put into governance indicators and what indicators can actually deliver.
2. Many academics know about the limitations of the governance indicators they use and prefer to ignore them.
3. The debate around the use and construction of governance indicators touches upon the deeper debate about what kind of governance is good for developing countries.
4. Measurement of governance has preceded understanding.
5. Meaningful governance indicators exist.
6. „Das Gegenteil von Gut ist nicht Böse, sondern gut gemeint.“ (Tucholsky) So is the opposite of a good good-governance advice not a malicious one, but one with good intentions.
7. Those who speak the most of freedom do not necessarily allow for it.
8. If you are lucky enough to have lived in Paris as a young woman, then wherever you go for the rest of your life it stays with you, for Paris is a moveable feast.
9. French charm follows you everywhere, even to the land of “freedom fries”.