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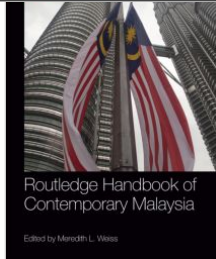
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Abstract

The public administration's primary function is to execute government policies at all levels (federal, state and local) of the nation's administration. Malaysia's public administration has its origins in the British colonial administration. The history and the socio-political makeup of the country have shaped its public administration since Malaysia gained independence in 1957, although reforms have been made to institutions, procedures and work processes to accommodate new roles and functions. The neoliberal stance of international lending institutions, such as the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank, influenced thinking especially in the 1980s and had an impact on reforms made in the Malaysian public bureaucracy. Nevertheless, as stipulated in the Federal Constitution, public administration very much embodies the history, culture and religion of the country.

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