

no definitive conclusions on the issue in her research, she did detect a trend in the way that governance is addressed. This trend seems to suggest that the DCI approach in many instances is being led by a narrow definition of governance, which is more to do with domestic constituencies than the broader agenda of democratic governance. She argues that such media debate “has largely been at the expense of any public debate on governance as a means to engage with the broader political issue of the exercise of power in society and the challenges it poses for development” (p.67). She concludes her article by warning against governance becoming “a tool for addressing donor interest rather than recipient need” (p.69).

The articles in the *Trócaire Development Review 2006* would suggest that it is incumbent upon DCI to develop a policy on governance as soon as possible and they highlight the complexity involved in drawing up and operationalising such a policy. Governance is not only, or even primarily a question of how to react to recipient governments when there are allegations of corruption made against them. Governance has to shape the approach to development that permeates the whole of a donor’s work. It is about first acknowledging, taking account of, then addressing the unequal power distribution in societies. It is our hope that the articles in this *Review* will provide some insight into this critical theme.

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