New Book

October 27, 2000 – Family Network Research Associate, Denis Saint-Martin, has written a new book.

Building the New Managerialist State: Consultants and the Politics of Public Sector Reform in Comparative Perspective is published by Oxford University Press.

In the 1980s and 1990s, the world of governance witnessed a far-reaching change from the Weberian model of bureaucracy to the "new managerialism" – a term used to describe the group of ideas and techniques imported from business and mainly brought into government by management consultants. Over the past 15 years, the British, French and Canadian governments have spent growing sums of money on consulting services. As a result, policymakers inside the State have increasingly been exposed to the business management ideas that consultants bring into the public sector. Nevertheless, there are major differences in the extent to which reformers in the three countries have embraced these ideas in bureaucratic reform.

This is a book about policy change and variation. It seeks to explain why changes produced by the new managerialism have been more radical in some countries than in others. ***Building the New Managerialist State*** shows that the political reception given to managerialist ideas by governments has been shaped by the openness of policymaking institutions to outside expert knowledge, and by the organization, development, and social recognition of management consultancy.

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For information on how to order the book, see: http://www.oup.com.

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Commentary on Need for Family Support System

Shortly before the First Ministers Meeting in Ottawa in September, CPRN's President, Judith Maxwell, and the Director of the Family Network, Jane Jenson, prepared an op-ed commentary calling for a "system," analogous to the health care system, of supports for families with children. The full text of that commentary, ***Children Are the Sleeper at the FMM***, is available on our site. Simply click here.

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