From Government to Governance: The dynamic of political power in the neoliberal age

The Post-World War II era witnessed an active engagement of the state in shaping the society through various means including wide-ranging welfare programs. However, globalization allied with a neoliberal paradigm, which became hegemonic since the 1980s, gave preference to “small government.” This shift, however, did not lead the state to abandon its programs to affect citizen’s behaviors and attitudes. The new method of governance, which has emerged since the 1980s, is characterized by the encouragement of the citizens to see themselves as individuals and active subjects, who have choices and who are also responsible for enhancing their well-being; a perception, which is connected with a particular politics of the self - “work on yourself”.

Moreover, the new method marks a shift away from traditional hierarchical form of organization to the adoption of new techniques such as budget discipline, accountancy and audit. It is also characterized by “governance at a distance.”

This course will not discuss the functioning of formal institutions or individuals in positions of power but rather how governance is designed to guide people – who are free subjects and have different choice, rationalities etc. -- in making their decisions in everyday life according to certain norms and programs.
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