SRAP5004

Policy, Accountability and Governance

Term Two // 2021

School of Social Sciences // UNSW Arts, Design & Architecture

Course Overview

Course Details

Credit Points 6

Summary of the Course

This course examines the mechanisms used to hold policy makers accountable in a democratic system, including administrative law, judicial review, ombudsmen, auditors-general, parliamentary committees, anti-corruption commissions, freedom of information and whistleblower protections. The course explores different theoretical approaches to accountability and responsibility and applies these to current debates in the Australian context, as well as internationally. The course will also critically assess the reach of accountability mechanisms in the light of recent changes to government service delivery, including outsourcing, contestability and public private partnerships, and consider responsibility and integrity in the context of multi-level governance.

Course Learning Outcomes

1. Explain the core concepts of responsibility and accountability and their role within democratic policy-making.
2. Investigate the role and processes of the key accountability mechanisms at work in the Australian political system.
3. Apply theories of responsibility and accountability to real-world cases in contemporary Australian policy-making.
4. Evaluate the effectiveness of accountability mechanisms with respect to the marketisation of government service delivery and the shift to governance.
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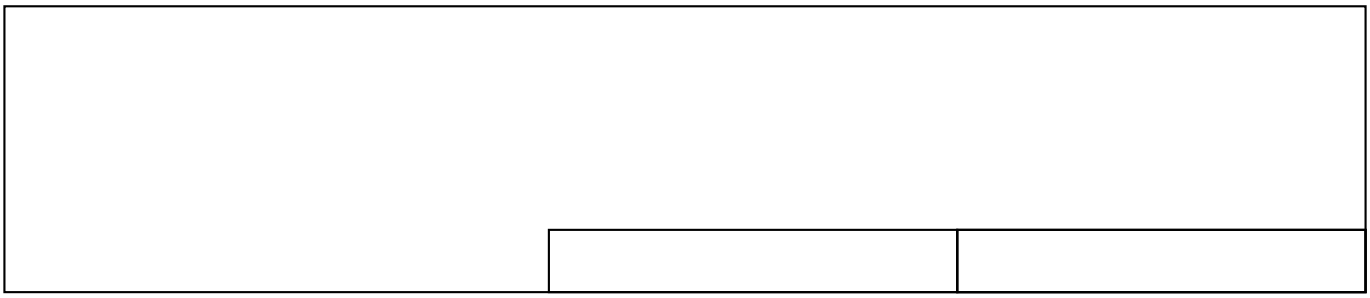

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Additional details:

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Submission notes: Submit via Turnitin

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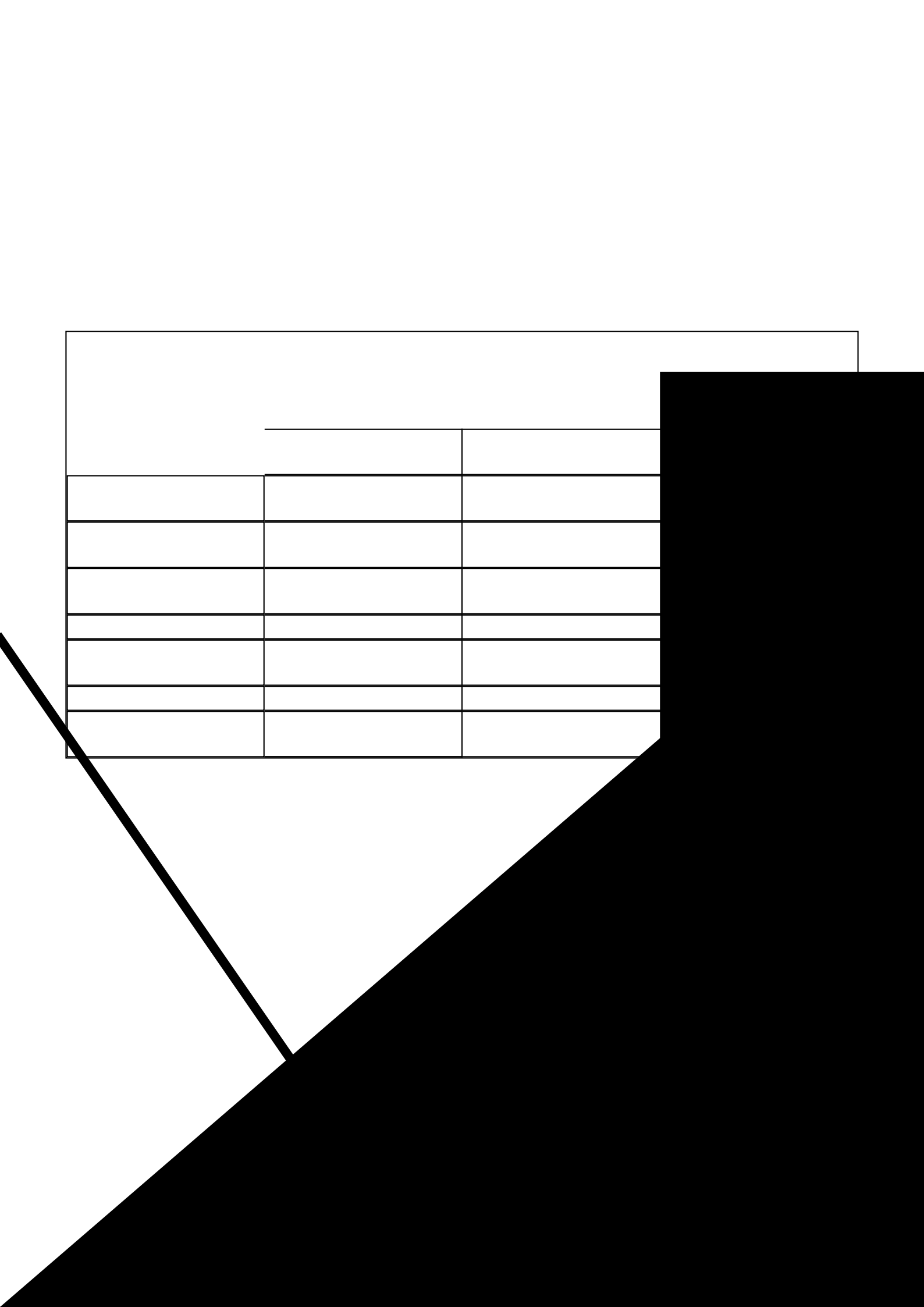

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Turnitin Submission

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