Ethics and Economics of Institutional Governance

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Materials (Texts and Video Clips) for Preparing EEIG Lectures

Hints:

- Please read the texts (and watch the video clips) in the given order!
- The texts (and video clips) contain thought-provoking ideas. None of the arguments should be taken for granted. Without exception, all texts (and videos) deserve critical scrutiny. Do not simply believe them. Make up your own mind!
- Optional material is meant as an invitation for additional topical engagement on a voluntary basis.
- Please study this material before attending the according lecture.

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