The role of budget speech: A Malaysian government study

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Abstract

The purpose of this paper is to study the role of budget speech in the Malaysian Government as a “hybrid” for governing both the economy and social cohesion. The methodology used is a mixed-method approach through archival research, interviews, and the content analysis of speeches. The findings indicate that the government has prioritized economic and social agendas. The budget speeches held prior to the global financial crisis and 2008 general election, where social cohesion was a major concern, have focused on creating a hybrid budget.

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