What is the role of ethics in the transition from "urban government" to "urban governance"?

Although "ethics" and "morals" look similar, they are terminologically different in English. The former can be considered to be the equivalent of traditions or rules, and the latter represents a personality, spirit or emotion that facilitates and motivates normal behavior. Indeed, ethics is an aspect of human behavior which is based on the philosophical system analysis that shows the differences between right and wrong. However, it can not cannot be considered quite distinct from morals.

Interest in ethical issues in community management has also been linked to widespread changes in societies. Such reforms may have inappropriately changed the values of the public sector. Therefore, an ethical approach to management is introduced as a proper response to the completion of these reforms and to reduce its negative impact.

These developments in approaches to urban management can also be traced in the transition from the concept of "urban government" to "urban governance". In fact, it can be considered as a theoretical and practical response to these changes and demands of the ethical urban management.

To investigate these changes, in-most studies have used the intellectual conflicts between the urban government and urban governance. Recently in conventional academic studies of governance theories, two broad applications can be identified: The first application-is related to the nature of "organizations"—In this application, where governance is defined as the involvement of a wide range of institutions and actors in the production of policies. According to this definition, the-governance is wider than the government and the government is one of its components. Another application of the-governance is about the "nature of relations between organizations". In this application, the governance includes a special form of order. Unlike the top-down control that exists in a hierarchical order, and-as-well-as in contrast to the individual relationship in market order, governance requires ordering through networks and partnerships.