



## PUBLIC LECTURE

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### The Structure of Government: Concepts, Hypotheses, Data

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The period since World War II has been an era of regionalization. Most states have seen reforms shifting authoritative competencies to subnational governments, including a level of regional or intermediate government catering to populations greater than 150,000. Diverse explanations have been proposed for this, but in the absence of comparative data, it has not been possible to systematically evaluate their validity. Using a new dataset, this lecture shows that efficiency and community are important sources of regionalization.

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