Federalism and Economic Reform

This collection focuses on the ways in which federalism has affected and been affected by economic reform, especially global integration. The editors and contributors focus in particular on the political economy of institutional and economic change—how the division of authority between national and subnational governments shapes debates over policy changes, as well as how the changing economic environment creates incentives to modify the basic agreements among levels of government. Each chapter contains a historical overview and an in-depth account of division of authority, lines of accountability, and legislative, bureaucratic, and other arenas in which the levels of government interact for a particular country. The analyses are based on reform (or nonreform) episodes for each country, with most coming from recent history, but some spanning the century. As a collection, the country studies span a range of developing and industrial countries with varying political systems and divisions of jurisdiction between national and subnational governments. The editors offer a concluding chapter with lessons for further analysis.

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