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Abstract: We undertake the first quantitative and broadly comparative study of the structure and performance of public–private partnership communities: networked firms that partner with governments to build infrastructure. Our study addresses several important research questions. How connected are the members of partnership communities? How can we understand the quality of the projects a community undertakes? How do political institutions shape their structure and performance? After defining partnership communities as networked communities of private firms that form the consortia that enter into long-term contractual arrangements with governments, we show how they are affected by government demand for partners. We then provide an overview of those factors that predict success in financing projects. Finally, we focus on the political economy of partnership communities. We develop and test theoretical predictions about how national institutions shape partnership communities and the quality of projects. We also investigate voters' preferences over alternative arrangements of infrastructure delivery before drawing out implications for research and practice.

Keywords: infrastructure development, infrastructure finance, political economy, public administration, public–private partnerships

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