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# FISCAL FRAGMENTATION IN DECENTRALIZED COUNTRIES

SUBSIDIARITY, SOLIDARITY AND ASYMMETRY

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Most countries, developed and developing, are fiscally decentralized with regional and regional governments of varying importance. This is actually the first detailed thought of the hyperlink between asymmetry and intergovernmental financing, and also the first detailed study of how asymmetrical fiscal plans work in practice in a variety of different countries. Through a series of case studies, the countries of Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Canada, China, Germany, India, Indonesia, the Philippines, Russia, Spain and Switzerland are examined with an eye to how their general public finances are structured and how these plans act to market equilibrium or turmoil in the nation state. In particular, the nation's ability to cope with adjustments created by decentralization is certainly explored. This reserve considers how fiscal arrangements may strengthen or weaken national solidarity and the efficiency with which public services are provided. In many of these countries, some of these sub-nationwide governments differ considerably from others in terms of wealth, ethnic, religious, or linguistic composition. Policy analysts worried about intergovernmental financing and/or political legitimacy issues will see this synthesis of curiosity, as will readers worried about the public plan of the numerous fiscally fragmented countries profiled here.



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