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The book argues that jurisdictional design is shaped by functional and communal pressures. Functional pressures arise from the character of the public goods provided by government: their scale economies, externalities, and informational asymmetries. However, to explain demands for self-rule one needs to understand how people think and act in relation to the communities they conceive themselves belonging. The authors demonstrate that scale and community explain basic features of governance, including the growth of multiple tiers over the past six decades, how jurisdictions are designed, why governance within the state has become differentiated, and the extent to which regions exert authority.

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This well-written and skillfully-executed study develops new measures to show that governance exhibits great variation within as well as between countries. The authors argue that within-taxon differences are decisive for explaining variation in regional authority between countries. After a period when the bloom had gone off the rose of regional governance, this study brings it back with a new level of precision and sophistication.

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