



## The Political Geography of Inequality: Regions and Redistribution

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CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY PRESS, United Kingdom, 2014. Paperback. Book Condition: New. Reprint. 234 x 155 mm. Language: English Brand New Book \*\*\*\*\* Print on Demand \*\*\*\*\*.This book addresses two questions - why some political systems have more centralized systems of interpersonal redistribution than others, and why some political unions make larger efforts to equalize resources among their constituent units than others. This book presents a new theory of the origin of fiscal structures in systems with several levels of government. The argument points to two major factors to account for the variation in redistribution: the interplay between economic geography and political representation on the one hand, and the scope of interregional economic externalities on the other. To test the empirical implications derived from the argument, the book relies on in-depth studies of the choice of fiscal structures in unions as diverse as the European Union, Canada and the United States in the aftermath of the Great Depression; Germany before and after Reunification; and Spain after the transition to democracy.

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