

The Effects of Geographical Representation on Legislators' Behavior (Simon Luechinger, Margarida Matos, and Lukas Schmid)

In this paper, we examine how an increase of a jurisdiction's number of seats in the national parliament impacts the effort level of its representatives? We estimate the effect of a jurisdiction having one additional seat using a regression discontinuity design and data for Australia, Canada, Mexico, Portugal, Spain, Switzerland, Turkey, and the United States. Our outcomes span multiple dimensions of politician, including parliamentary attendance, party line voting, speech and district-specific references in speeches.