Territory and Ideology in Latin America
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In countries around the world, ideological conflicts over the role of the state and the market in the economy are erupting between national and subnational governments. Thanks to a series of trends like globalization, democratization, and especially decentralization, subnational governments are now in a position to challenge the ideological orientation of the national government. This talk will examine territorial conflicts in Bolivia, Ecuador, and Peru over economic policy during the commodity boom in the early 21st century.

Kent Eaton studies comparative politics, international relations, political institutions, and the politics of economic development. Professor Eaton has conducted research in Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, the Philippines, and Uruguay. Focusing on subnational comparative politics in Latin America, Eaton's research examines the growing salience of territorially-defined interests, identities, and institutions across the region. Current research projects include the emergence of conservative autonomy movements, subnational forms of economic nationalism, and conflict between Left national governments and opposition mayors and governors over the future of decentralization.

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