

Imaging Multilevel Democratic Economic Governance?

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The paper aims to give up the idea of a State monopoly in the provision of public goods required by individuals. Each of us has a plurality of (concentric, sometimes overlapping) identities, and collective needs. For each collective need it is necessary to have a collective decision-making process for collective choice in order to avoid problems of under-provision, due to the usual collective action problems. This means restructuring competences in a multi-layered system of functional governments so as to ensure a full democratic legitimization of decision-making and a more efficient provision of public goods.