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Abstract	<p>With "neoliberalism" spreading from the developed countries such as U.K. and Japan to the developing countries since 1980s, telecommunications privatization has appeared to be a global trend as well. The conventional wisdom argues that this trend, in fact, was one of the inevitable consequences of globalization. Many developing countries, however, have showed various appearances and results of telecom privatization after nearly 30 years. In a bid to explain the divergence of telecom privatization in the developing Countries, the paper paid attention to the impact from two domestic factors (i.e., partisan ideology and government type) and two systemic factors (i.e., regional spillover effect and WTO factor) upon the telecom privatization in these countries. Through the quantitative regression analysis, the authors found that the partisanship is the key factor that sways telecom sales most, and all other three factors-government type, WTO factor and regional policy diffusion-had a positive and significant impact upon telecom privatization by means of it. Then, the crisp-set qualitative comparative analysis for small N was used, and the conclusion was that the partisanship plus the WTO factor may best explain the appearances and results of telecom privatization in the developing countries. On top of proving the three hypotheses-partisanship, government type, and WTO factor-that the paper presented, the findings suggest that while the global or systemic factors can partly explain the convergent trend in telecom privatization, only the resort to the domestic politics can illustrate the divergence of telecom privatization in the developing countries in detail. And by the combination and dialogue of quantitative and qualitative methodology, not only the paper constructs the political theory of telecom privatization, but also points out a new direction for the relevant studies in future.</p>
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