The initial analysis of the 2011 BEEPS data has revealed that the business environment in Russia differs significantly across regions. For example, about 20% of the variation in firms’ perceptions of “state capture” can be explained by their location, while individual firm-level characteristics such as age, size, ownership, industry and main product or service only accounts for about 6% of the variation. This study takes a closer look at the role of regional-level political, institutional, and social factors in shaping varying patterns of state-business relations in Russia.

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