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tinbergen *institute**Essays on Endogenous Economic Policy*

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A growing literature has examined how interest groups can affect public policies, by explicitly focusing on the features of the policymaking process. The essays contained in this study analyze the influence of lobbies when public policies are shaped by the choices of multiple decisionmakers. Two essays investigate the strategic behavior of interest groups to influence the different tiers of political decision making (e.g. central and local governments, or legislators and bureaucrats). The model developed for this analysis is also applied to explore the effects of political centralization within the EU. Another essay considers international policy coordination when the composition of national interest groups is affected by immigration.

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