

## **Institutionalization of Regimes and Preempting Contention in Kyrgyzstan**

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Autocratic regimes develop various institutions that serve their interests and first of all, ensure their stability. However they often face protests which are organized by opposition and they are developing various means to tackle it. The institution building process is affected by acting on an anticipated or actual protest. The case of Kyrgyzstan suggests that autocratic regimes act preemptively to counter the protest and do it in various ways, including cooptation of elites, developing own mobilization structures, designing channels of legitimization. Institutions are usually accessible for others and this is more the case in small poor countries institutions where possible contenders are benefiting from regime’s own institution building. When regimes either preemptively or retroactively design institutions the create channels of mobilization for others as well.