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institutions that currently prevails in studies of democratization, this

book demonstrates the value of a more ethnographic and society-oriented approach.