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This is a working paper with Xingjian Liu, Ben Derudder and other colleagues. The study seeks to extend the literature on polycentric urban regions through a situated account of the governance processes underlying polycentric city-regional development. This is achieved through an analysis of the uneven development of bridge connections within the Pearl River Delta (China). By analysing the region's polycentric development from the prism of the politics of transport connections and by viewing bridge alignment negotiations as government-led efforts to shape physical and functional polycentricity, we highlight the importance of this framework which can complement analyses of polycentric urban regions from the perspective of agglomerative clustering and specialised concentration.

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