

The book's two sections deal with a wide range of issues related to the Spanish invasion of 1519–21. The first section includes studies related to the times of Cortés and the invasion, and the second contains essays on the discourse of the invasion, including a view of the war from Native perspectives.

This collection is a balanced view of the Invasion and its participants. In addition to the chapter on Nahua views of the war, there are also studies of the role of women, as exemplified by Malintzin. There are also essays with far more focused present-day points of view, such as one that looks at the changing views of the Invasion in German works over the last 50 years. Hinz offers a chapter questioning whether Spain should apologize for the Invasion, triggered by President López Obrador's 2019 call.

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This volume is not designed to be a comprehensive overview of Río de la Plata during the transition from empire to independence. Rather, the collection of 14 essays exemplifies the vibrancy and variety of contemporary scholarship in terms of focus and method. Most of the contributions cluster around several themes of significance during the century from the 1750s to the 1850s.

The essays on the relationship between commerce, cooperation, and conflict look beyond seaports and international rivalries to the complexities of local and regional negotiations and accommodations. Those on the Afro-descendant population range from the early experiences of the enslaved en route from Africa to the Río de la Plata to the search for liberation through military service. A third group of essays addresses political alliances and movements during the independence wars and their aftermath.

Other essays do not fit snugly into this chronological and thematic scope, but nonetheless enhance our understanding of the region's long transition from the South Atlantic limits of Iberian empire to independent nation-states. An introductory essay by the editors provides a useful overview, describing the state of the field and situating the volume's essays therein.

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