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*State Building in Latin America* diverges from existing scholarship in developing explanations both for why state-building efforts in the region emerged and for their success or failure. First, Latin American state leaders chose to attempt concerted state building only where they saw it as the means to political order and economic development. Fragmented regionalism led to the adoption of more laissez-faire ideas and the rejection of state building. With dominant urban centers, developmentalist ideas and state-building efforts took hold, but not all state-building projects succeeded. The second plank of the book's argument centers on strategies of bureaucratic appointment to explain this variation. Filling administrative ranks with local elites caused even concerted state-building efforts to flounder, while appointing outsiders to serve as administrators underpinned success. Relying on extensive archival evidence, the book traces how these factors shaped the differential development of education, taxation, and conscription in Chile, Colombia, Mexico, and Peru.

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## Abbreviations

[Note that while I use a consistent label to refer to each publication over time, government reorganizations at various points in time in each country led to changes in ministerial names and portfolios.]

AE	Anuario Estadístico, Chile (Annual Statistical Extract, Chile)
CNR	Compañía Nacional de Recaudación, Peru (private firm with which the national government contracted for tax collection after 1902, as discussed in Chapter 5)
HEC	Estado Mayor General del Ejército (various years) <i>Historia del Ejército Chileno</i> (10 volumes) (Santiago: Colección Biblioteca Militar) (official history of the Chilean Army)
MED	Memoria del Ministerio de Instrucción Pública, Peru (Annual Report of the Ministry of Public Education, Peru)
MGOB	Memoria del Ministerio de Gobierno e Interior, Peru (Annual Report of the Ministry of Governance and the Interior, Peru)
MGUERRA	Memoria del Ministerio de Guerra, Peru (Annual Report of the War Ministry, Peru)
MHAC	Memoria del Ministerio de Hacienda, Chile (Annual Report of the Finance Ministry, Chile)
MILIMA	Memoria de la Dirección de Instrucción Pública del Departamento de Lima (Annual Report of the Directorate of Public Education, Department of Lima)
MINT	Memoria del Ministerio de Interior, Chile (Annual Report of the Interior Ministry, Chile)

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MIP      Memoria del Ministerio de Justicia, Culto, e Instrucción  
Pública, Chile (Annual Report of the Justice, Religion,  
and Public Education Ministry, Chile)

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#### Archivo Nacional Histórico

Boletín de Leyes (various years)  
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 1873, 1875–1877, 1881, 1882, 1884, 1885  
 Memoria del Ministerio de Industria y Obras Públicas, 1891–1895  
 Memoria del Ministerio de Interior 1852, 1854, 1856, 1859, 1860,  
 1864–1866

#### Biblioteca Nacional

Anuario Estadístico de la República de Chile 1848–1858, 1861–1912  
 Memoria del Ministerio de Guerra 1887–1900  
 Memoria del Ministerio de Hacienda 1834–1836, 1839, 1884–1900  
 Memoria del Ministerio de Interior 1875–1878, 1880–1881,  
 1884–1902, 1904, 1908–1910  
 Memoria del Ministerio de Justicia, Culto, e Instrucción Pública  
 1840–1851, 1868–1900  
 Mensajes Presidenciales (various years)

## PERU

**Archivo Nacional**

- Memoria del Ministerio de Gobierno 1890, 1896, 1898, 1901, 1902,  
 1904, 1905, 1907, 1908, 1911, 1913  
 Memoria del Ministerio de Guerra 1874, 1889, 1890, 1893, 1897,  
 1900–1929.  
 Memoria del Ministerio de Instrucción Pública 1853, 1862, 1864,  
 1890–1893, 1896–1898, 1900–1910, 1912–1922

**Instituto DeNegri**

- Memoria de la Dirección de Instrucción Pública del Departamento de  
 Lima 1875  
 Memoria del Ministerio de Gobierno 1831, 1847, 1860, 1870, 1872,  
 1874, 1878, 1879, 1883, 1885, 1888, 1897, 1899, 1906, 1920, 1921  
 Memoria del Ministerio de Guerra 1829, 1845, 1853, 1870, 1872,  
 1879  
 Memoria del Ministerio de Hacienda 1828, 1849, 1851, 1853, 1862,  
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 1892, 1896, 1903  
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