

Latin America's Radical Left

This book examines the emergence, development, and demise of a network of organizations of young leftist militants and intellectuals in South America. This new generation, formed primarily by people who in the late 1960s were still under the age of thirty, challenged traditional politics and embraced organized violence and transnational strategies as the only ways of achieving social change in their countries during the Cold War. This lasted for more than a decade, beginning in Uruguay as a result of the rise of authoritarianism in Brazil and Argentina, and expanding with Che Guevara's Bolivia campaign in 1966. These coordination efforts reached their highest point in Buenos Aires from 1973 to 1976, until the military coup d'état in Argentina eliminated the last refuge for these groups. Aldo Marchesi offers the first in-depth, regional and transnational study of the militant left in Latin America during the turbulent 1960s and 1970s.

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Abbreviations

AC	Ação católica (Catholic Action) Brazil.
AP	Ação Popular (Popular Action) Brazil.
CNT	Convención nacional de trabajadores (Workers National Convention) Uruguay.
CIA	Central Intelligence Agency, United States.
CGT	Confederación general del trabajo (Labor General Confederation) Argentina.
CUT	Central unitaria de trabajadores (Workers United Center) Chile.
DINA	Dirección de inteligencia nacional (National Intelligence Directorate) Chile.
EGP	Ejército guerrillero del pueblo (People's Guerrilla Army) Argentina.
ELN	Ejército de Liberación Nacional (National Liberation Army) Bolivia.
FA	Frente Amplio (Broad Front) Uruguay.
FAL	Fuerzas Armadas de Liberación (Liberation Armed Forces) Argentina.
FARN	Fuerzas Armadas de la revolución nacional (National Revolution of Armed Forces) Argentina.
FAP	Fuerzas Armadas Peronistas (Peronist Armed Forces) Argentina.
FAR	Fuerzas Armadas Revolucionarias (Revolutionary Armed Forces) Argentina.
FIDEL	Frente Izquierda de Liberación (Leftist Liberation Front) Uruguay.
FRA	Frente Revolucionario Antimperialista (Antimperialist Revolutionary Front) Bolivia.
FRIP	Frente Revolucionario Indoamericano Popular (Popular Indoamerican Revolutionary Front) Argentina.

GAP	Grupos de amigos personales (Group of Personal friends of Salvador Allende) Chile.
JCR	Junta de coordinación revolucionaria (Revolutionary Coordination Board) .
MAPU	Movimiento de acción popular unitaria (Popular Unitary Action Movement) Chile.
MIR	Movimiento de izquierda revolucionaria (Left Revolutionary Movement) Chile.
MLNT	Movimiento de liberación nacional Tupamaros (Tupamaros's National Liberation Movement) Uruguay.
OAS	Organization of American States.
OLAS	Organización Latinoamericana de Solidaridad (Latin American Solidarity Organization) Cuba.
OSPAAL	Organización de solidaridad de los pueblos de Asia, África y América Latina (Organization of Solidarity with the People of Asia, Africa and Latin America) Cuba.
PCC	Partido Comunista Cubano (Cuban Communist Party) Cuba.
PO	Palabra obrera (Worker Word) Argentina.
POLOP	Política operaia (Worker Policy) Brazil.
PRT-ERP	Partido Revolucionario de los trabajadores-Ejército revolucionario del pueblo (Workers Revolutionary Party-People Revolutionary Army) Argentina.
PRT	Partido Revolucionario de los trabajadores-Bolivia (Workers Revolutionart Party) Bolivia.
PSV	Partido Socialista de Vanguardia (Socialist Party of Vanguard) Argentina.
VPR	Vanguardia Popular Revolucionária (Popular Revolutionary Vanguard) Chile.
SIDE	Secretaría de Inteligencia del Estado (State Secretariat of Intelligence) Argentina.
UP	Unidad popular (Popular Unity) Chile.
UTAA	Unión de Trabajadores del Azúcar de Artigas (Artigas's Sugar Workers Union) Uruguay.