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The book is divided into two sections. The first contains an analysis of the county prior to the Great Famine, and provides the foundation for a core/periphery analysis of Mayo's economic development and its impact upon popular politics in the county. The second, employing a core/periphery analysis of the post-Famine economic and political transformation of the county, demonstrates that the structural changes that gave rise to the Land War occurred more rapidly in central Mayo than along its western coastline or eastern boundaries. This uneven development helps account for both the initial strength and rapid disintegration of the land movement in the county.

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Abbreviations

Bessborough Commission	<i>Her Majesty's Commission of Inquiry into the Working of the Landlord and Tenant (Ireland) Act, 1870, 1881</i>
CBS	Crime Branch Special Papers, State Paper Office
CSORP	Chief Secretary's Office, Registered Papers, State Paper Office
<i>CT</i>	<i>The Connaught Telegraph</i>
CTDA	Central Tenant's Defence Association
Devon Commission	<i>Her Majesty's Commission of Inquiry into the State of the Law and Practice in Respect to the Occupation of Land in Ireland, 1845</i>
<i>FJ</i>	<i>The Freeman's Journal</i>
OP	Outrage Papers, State Paper Office
PROI	Public Record Office, Ireland
PRONI	Public Record Office of Northern Ireland
Richmond Commission	<i>Royal Commission on the Depressed Condition of the Agricultural Interest, 1881</i>
RP	Rebellion Papers
SOC	State of the Country Papers
SPO	State Paper Office, Dublin Castle