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This is a comprehensive study of the formative years of the Argentine Radical Party in the 1890s. Through its analysis of the party the book also sheds light on the dynamics of Argentine politics at the end of the nineteenth century.

Founded in 1891, the Unión Cívica Radical, generally known as the Radical Party, is the oldest national political party in Argentina and one of the two parties that dominated the country's politics during the twentieth century. As a central component of Argentina's political history, the Radical Party has received much attention from historians. However, most accounts have concentrated on the period after 1916, when the party won its first presidential election; the formative years of the party have generally been ignored. Yet as the strongest opposition party during the 1890s, a pivotal decade in the birth of Argentina's party system, the Radical Party effected a critical development in Argentine politics, defining a system of open confrontation and political competition.

This study offers not merely a revised version of the party's story but also a new perspective on the nature of the Radical Party and of the politics of the period as a whole.

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## List of Abbreviations

<i>BOLSA</i>	Bank of London in South America
<i>CFB</i>	Council of Foreign Bondholders
<i>DSCD</i>	<i>Diario de Sesiones de la Cámara de Diputados</i>
<i>DSCDBA</i>	<i>Diario de Sesiones de la Cámara de Diputados de la Provincia de Buenos Aires</i>
<i>DSCS</i>	<i>Diario de Sesiones de la Cámara de Senadores</i>
<i>FO</i>	Foreign Office
<i>MyD</i>	<i>Leandro N. Alem: Mensaje y destino</i> , Buenos Aires, Ed. Raigal, 1956, 8 vols.
<i>PAN</i>	<i>Partido Autonomista Nacional</i>
<i>PRO</i>	Public Record Office, London
<i>UC</i>	<i>Unión Cívica</i>
<i>UCJ</i>	<i>Unión Cívica de la Juventud</i>
<i>UCN</i>	<i>Unión Cívica Nacional</i>
<i>UCR</i>	<i>Unión Cívica Radical</i>

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