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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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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) *Historia del Ejército Chileno* (10 volumes) (Santiago: Colección Biblioteca Militar) (official history of the Chilean Army)


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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