Argentina: Reform Amidst Crisis

Lest We Forget:
The Legacies of El Proceso, 1976-1983

"State Penetration, Loss of Rights, and De-subjectivization: Continuities Between the Authoritarian and the Neo liberal States"
Judith Filc, New York University

"Argentina, Operation Condor, and the Internationalization of State Terror"
J. Patrice McSherry, Long Island University

"Newcomers and Ex-presidents Running for Office in Argentina and Latin America"
Javier Corrales, Amherst College

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Judith Filc looks at the continuities between the 1976-1983 dictatorship and the 1990s neo liberal state in Argentina in terms of the relationship between sociopolitical transformations and the emergence of new subjectivities. In both cases we could posit a relationship between the re-mapping of public and private spaces, the construction of the national/political subject, and the modes of social control.

Operation Condor was a secret Latin American military network created in the 1970s that allowed associated armed and intelligence forces to share intelligence on political opponents—and seize, torture, and execute them secretly and without due process. Condor represented a key strategic concept of Cold War national security doctrine: the concept of hemispheric defense defined by ideological frontiers. Patrice McSherry’s presentation examines particularly the role of Argentina within Operation Condor.

The presidential elections of many Latin American countries in the past several years have featured an unusual mix of candidates: former presidents are returning from the past to run for president, often against complete political neophytes. The Argentine presidential election of 2003 is a good example. Javier Corrales will examine what this odd electoral mix of newcomers and old-timers mean for Argentina and Latin America?

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