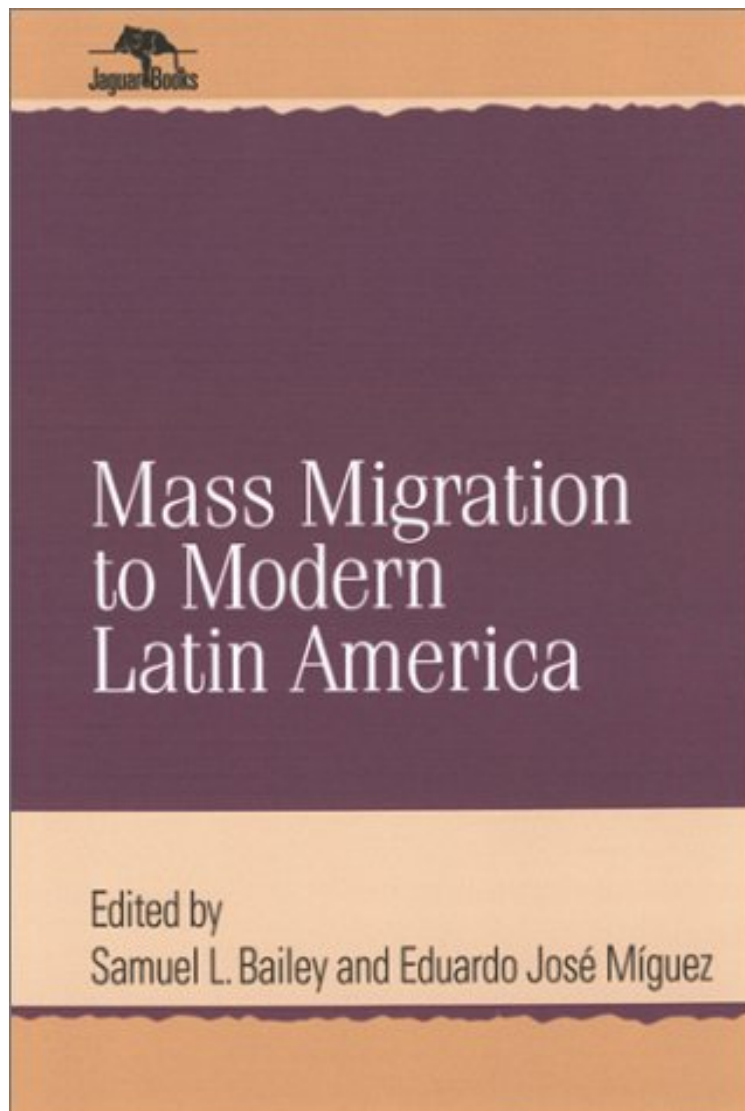


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It is well known that large numbers of Europeans migrated overseas during the century preceding the Great Depression of 1930, and that a great many of them went to the United States. What is not well known, particularly in the United States, is that more than 20 percent of these migrants emigrated to Latin America, and that they significantly influenced the demographic, economic, and cultural evolution of many areas in the region. Individuals have migrated to Latin America since the beginning of the Conquest more than 500 years ago, but by far the largest number, 10 million, migrated from 1870 to 1930. This incredible influx was also concentrated in terms of the origins and destinations of the individuals: three-quarters came from the Iberian peninsula and Italy, while 91 percent relocated to just three countries—Argentina (50 percent), Brazil (36 percent), and Uruguay (5 percent). *Mass Migration to Modern Latin America* includes original contributions from more than a dozen of the leading scholars of the new methodologically and theoretically innovative Latin American migration history that has emerged during the past 20 years. Although the authors focus primarily on the nature and impact of mass migration to Argentina and Brazil from 1870 to 1930, they place their analysis in broader historical and comparative contexts. They link the mass migrations at the turn of the past century to older migratory traditions and existing social networks, some of which had their roots in the colonial period. The editors begin each section of the book with personal stories of individual immigrants and their families, providing students with a glimpse into the complex process of migration and how it played out in various situations. This text will help readers understand that Latin America is more than a "traditional society," composed of the descendants of the Conquistadors and Native Americans. This book demonstrates the crucial impact of the mass migrations of the late nineteenth and early twentieth c

This book makes an important contribution to analyzing and understanding the migration of Europeans and others to Latin America in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. (David Rock, University of California, Santa Barbara) *Mass Migration to Modern Latin America* is a comprehensive and imaginatively designed collection of thought-provoking essays. The contributions are well-crafted and wide-ranging in methodology and research as well as rich in comparative insights into individual, local, regional, national, and global experiences of mass migration in the modern era. It is the best single work so far on a subject of great importance in the history of the Americas and is essential reading for scholars and students alike. (Richard J. Walter, Washington University, St. Louis) Social historians of the Americas will learn much here about the relationship of international migration and nation-building. The collection's comparative studies bring migration closer to the center of Latin American national histories. Furthermore, they remind North American readers that the United States is by no means the only important 'nation of immigrants' in the hemisphere. (Donna R. Gabaccia, University of North Carolina at Charlotte) *Mass Migration to Modern Latin America* reflects the truly global nature of the history of human migration, both in its coverage of sending and receiving countries and its inclusion of essays by scholars from various countries and disciplines. It expands the horizons of English-language literature on the subjects tremendously. It should prove useful for scholars seeking specialized knowledge and for teachers hoping to add new dimensions to undergraduate classes in world history. (Lydio F. Tomasi, editor, *International Migration*)

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