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**La proyección del neoliberalismo**
Las transformaciones del cine mexicano (1988–2012)

**IGNACIO M. SÁNCHEZ PRADO**

Cavernosa, usualmente fría, siempre oscura, con un ligero olor a palomitas de maíz en el aire: la experiencia de ir al cine es universal. No es menos intensa en México, donde la experiencia ha evolucionado de formas complejas en años recientes. Películas como *Y tu mamá también*, *El Mariachi*, *Amores perros*, y las obras de los paradigmáticos Guillermo del Toro y Salma Hayek, reflejan mucho más un renovado interés por el cine en México. En *La proyección del neoliberalismo*, Ignacio Sánchez Prado explora precisamente los eventos que tuvieron lugar en la industria del cine mexicano durante las últimas décadas. Lejos de ser una simple historia del periodo, *La proyección del neoliberalismo* examina cuatro aspectos esenciales de las transformaciones ocurridas en la industria del cine mexicano: la caída del nacionalismo, un nuevo enfoque en audiencias de clase media, la redefinición del concepto de cine político, y el impacto de la globalización. Este análisis incluye a directores y películas que han alcanzado notoriedad internacional o relevancia en la construcción de un mercado nacional. *La proyección del neoliberalismo* expone las consecuencias de una industria del cine forzada a encontrar nuevas audiencias entre la clase media mexicana para poder alcanzar el ansiado éxito económico y la aprobación cultural.

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**CRISTINA RIVERA GARZA**

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Disappropriating is a political operation at the core of projects acknowledging, both at ethical and aesthetic levels, that writers always work with materials that are not their own. Writers borrow from the practitioners of a language, entering in a debt relationship that can only be covered by ushering the text back to the communities in which it grew. In an increasingly violent world, where the experiences of many are erased by pillage and extraction, writing among and for the dead is a form of necrowriting that may well become a life-affirming act of decolonization and resistance.

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A decade-by-decade look at literary depictions of revolution in Latin America from the 1960s to the present

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From Martí to García Márquez to Bolaño

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In the politically volatile period from the 1960s through the end of the twentieth century, Latin American authors were in direct dialogue with the violent realities of their time and place. *Writing Revolution in Latin America* is a chronological study of the way revolution and revolutionary thinking is depicted in the fiction composed from the eye of the storm.

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This double-edged phenomenon of revolutionary disillusionment became highly personal for Latin American authors inside and outside Castro’s and Pinochet’s dominion. Revolution was more than a foreign affair; it was the stuff of everyday life and, therefore, of fiction.

Juan De Castro’s expansive study begins ahead of the century with José Martí in Cuba and continues through the likes of Mario Vargas Llosa in Peru, Gabriel García Márquez in Colombia, and Roberto Bolaño in Mexico (by way of Chile). The various, often contradictory ways the authors convey this precarious historical moment speaks in equal measure to the social circumstances into which these authors were thrust and to the fundamental differences in the ways they themselves witnessed history.

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**Creating Carmen Miranda**
Race, Camp, and Transnational Stardom

KATHRYN BISHOP-SANCHEZ

Carmen Miranda got knocked down and kept going. Filming an appearance on *The Jimmy Durante Show* on August 4, 1955, the “ambassadress of samba” suddenly took a knee during a dance number, clearly in distress. Durante covered without missing a beat, and Miranda was back on her feet in a matter of moments to continue with what she did best: performing. By the next morning, she was dead from heart failure at age 46.

This final performance in many ways exemplified the power of Carmen Miranda. The actress, singer, and dancer pursued a relentless mission to demonstrate the provocative theatrical force of her cultural roots in Brazil. Armed with bare-midriff dresses, platform shoes, and her iconic fruit-basket head-dresses, Miranda stole the show in films like *That Night in Rio* and *The Gang’s All Here*. For American film audiences, her life was an example of the exoticism of a mysterious, sensual South America. For Brazilian and Latin American audiences, she was an icon. For the gay community, she became a work of art personified and a symbol of courage and charisma.

In *Creating Carmen Miranda*, Kathryn Bishop-Sanchez takes the reader through the myriad methods Miranda consciously used to shape her performance of race, gender, and camp culture, all to further her journey down the road to becoming a legend.

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How the activists of the controversial popular uprising in Atenco, Mexico, use films as tools of social change

**Atenco Lives!**
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**LIVIA K. STONE**

The People’s Front in Defense of Land of Atenco (the “Frente”) is an emblematic force in contemporary Mexican politics and in anti-capitalist, anti-neoliberal activist networks throughout the world. Best known for years of resistance against the encroachment of a government airport project on communal farmland, the Frente also became international news when its members were subject to state violence, rape, and intimidation in a brutal government crackdown in 2006. Through it all, documentary filmmaking has been one aspect of the Frente and its allies’ efforts. The contradictions and difficulties of this moral and political project emerge in the day-to-day experiences of local, national, and international filmmakers and film distributors seeking to participate in the social movement.

Stone highlights the importance of how the circulation of the physical videos, and not just their content, promotes the social movement. More broadly she shows how videographers perform their activism, navigating the tensions between neoliberal personhood or ego and an ethos of *compañerismo* that privileges community. Grounded in the lived experiences of Atenco’s activists and allied filmmakers, *Atenco Lives!* documents the making and circulating of films as an ethical and political practice purposefully used to transform human relationships.

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All too often, the disciplines of film studies, literary criticism, and art history ignore the opportunity to collaborate in a dialogue. Branche and his contributors present a unified approach, however, suggesting that cultural production should not be viewed narrowly, especially when studying the achievements of the Afro-Latin world.

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Following the 1808 French invasion of the Iberian Peninsula, an unprecedented political crisis threw the Spanish Monarchy into turmoil. On the Caribbean coast of modern-day Colombia, the important port town of Cartagena rejected Spanish authority, finally declaring independence in 1811. With new leadership that included free people of color, Cartagena welcomed merchants, revolutionaries, and adventurers from Venezuela, the Antilles, the United States, and Europe. Most importantly, independent Cartagena opened its doors to privateers of color from the French Caribbean. Hired mercenaries of the sea, privateers defended Cartagena's claim to sovereignty, attacking Spanish ships and seizing Spanish property, especially near Cuba, and establishing vibrant maritime connections with Haiti.

Most of Cartagena's privateers were descendants of slaves who benefited from the relative freedom and flexibility of life at sea, but also faced kidnapping, enslavement, and brutality. Many came from Haiti and Guadeloupe; some had been directly involved in the Haitian Revolution. While their manpower proved crucial in the early anti-Spanish struggles, Afro-Caribbean privateers were also perceived as a threat, suspected of holding questionable loyalties, disorderly tendencies, and too strong a commitment to political and social privileges for people of color. Based on handwritten and printed sources in Spanish, English, and French, this book tells the story of Cartagena's multinational and multicultural seafarers, revealing the transatlantic and maritime dimensions of South American independence.

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Spanish Intellectuals in Mexico, 1939–1975

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After Francisco Franco’s victory in the Spanish Civil War, a great many of the country’s intellectuals went into exile in Mexico. During the three and a half decades of Francoist dictatorship, these exiles held that the Republic, not Francoism, represented the authentic culture of Spain. In this environment, as Sebastiaan Faber argues in *Exile and Cultural Hegemony*, the Spaniards’ conception of their role as intellectuals changed markedly over time.

The first study of its kind to place the exiles’ ideological evolution in a broad historical context, *Exile and Cultural Hegemony* takes into account developments in both Spanish and Mexican politics from the early 1930s through the 1970s. Faber pays particular attention to the intellectuals’ persistent nationalism and misplaced illusions of pan-Hispanist grandeur, which included awkward and ironic overlaps with the rhetoric employed by their enemies on the Francoist right. This embrace of nationalism, together with the intellectuals’ dependence on the increasingly authoritarian Mexican regime and the international climate of the Cold War, eventually caused them to abandon the Gramscian ideal of the intellectual as political activist in favor of a more liberal, apolitical stance preferred by, among others, the Spanish philosopher Jose Ortega y Gasset.

With its comprehensive approach to topics integral to Spanish culture, both students of and those with a general interest in twentieth-century Spanish literature, history, or culture will find *Exile and Cultural Hegemony* a fascinating and groundbreaking work.

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**Gunshots at the Fiesta**

Literature and Politics in Latin America

MAARTEN VAN DELDEN and YVON GRENIER

The product of a unique collaboration between a literary critic (van Delden) and a political scientist (Grenier), this book looks at the relationship between literature and politics in Latin America, a region where these two domains exist in closer proximity than perhaps anywhere else in the Western world. The apparently seamless blending of literature and politics is reflected in the explicitly political content of much of the continent's writing, as well as in the highly visible political roles played by many Latin American intellectuals.

The authors argue that one can understand the nature of the dialogue between literature and politics only if one begins by recognizing the different logics that operate in these different domains. Using this idea of the different logics of politics and literature as a guiding thread, van Delden and Grenier offer bold new readings of major authors such as José Martí, Octavio Paz, Carlos Fuentes, Gabriel García Márquez, and Mario Vargas Llosa, as well as compelling interpretations of works by less frequently discussed figures such as Claribel Alegría, Marisol Martín del Campo and Víctor Hugo Rascón Banda.

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And yet one of the most significant drivers of continued emigration today, ironically, is the very culture of migration (described in the book) that has accelerated social change within many Indigenous communities, setting in motion a complex series of economic and cultural shifts that have compelled a continuous movement of people and generations to the US. Reading this story in 2020—at a time of massive growth in flows of irregular migrations around the world—can help us better understand the highly complex set of factors that propel long-term migrations and that shape transnational communities on both sides of the border.

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