

Latin American Landscapes

A New Environmental History Series

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Description: "Latin American Landscapes" is a new environmental history series that investigates how the peoples of Latin America and the Caribbean have both shaped and been shaped by their environment over time. Building on the University of Arizona Press's longstanding record of publication in both environmental studies and Latin American history, this series seeks to publish scholarship that integrates social and ecological history across Latin America. Titles in the series will address the widest possible variety time periods and geographies, focusing on local, regional, national or biome-oriented narratives ranging from pre-Colombian studies to twentieth-first century questions.

Scope: Books in the series may consider a broad variety of topics: they may address issues such as colonization and urbanization; the connection of societies with rivers, seas, and coastal areas; the influence of scientific, artistic, and economic renderings of the natural world; and the impact of agriculture, mining, and resource extraction on the people and landscapes of Latin America. At root, the series seeks to deepen scholars' understanding of how local, regional, and/or global factors have helped structure the relationship between the peoples of Latin America and the environments in which they live and work over time. It is hoped that the books in the series will also explore the ecological and social consequences of these historical processes.

The series will publish monographs as well as broader, more synthetic, works and edited collections of Latin American environmental history. The editors are especially interested in book manuscripts that will attract a broad audience, including not only specialists in Latin American environmental history but historians and scholars of all stripes, as well as students and general readers interested in understanding the processes that have shaped the social and ecological spaces of Latin America. We particularly seek manuscripts that emphasize the interdisciplinarity of Latin American environmental history – engaging, for example, the fields of political ecology, public policy, geography, anthropology, ecology, art history, and others. We also welcome studies that explore how indigenous peoples have experienced, abetted, or resisted ecological change in their communities.

Significance: Environmental change in Latin America did not begin with the arrival of Europeans to the Americas more than 500 years ago. Nevertheless, the Columbian exchange brought unprecedented and oftentimes devastating consequences to the peoples, lands, and ecosystems of Latin America and the Caribbean. Even today, Indigenous peoples, rural communities, and city dwellers continue to live in a world of rapid and sometimes tragic environmental change. An increasing number of scholars are working to make sense of this complicated history, explaining its origins, weighing its consequences, and – in some cases – offering insights into what can be done to limit its worst effects. We intend "Latin American Environmental Histories" to help promote the development of this exciting new field by publishing the best new scholarship and on issues of pivotal importance to the people of Latin America.

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