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History does not stop for textbooks, and historians continue to discover new material and offer new interpretations of the past. In the ninth edition of *Latin America: An Interpretive History*, I endeavor to bring the text up to date while maintaining the brevity that is one of the text’s key strengths. Recent political and economic changes have not changed the central paradigm of the text: “poor people inhabit rich lands” because the elites have “tended to confuse their own well being and desires with those of the nation at large.”

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