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by
John A. Booth, Program Chair

LASA '92 is likely to be a great success. Because it will be the first ever in California, the XVII Congress is attracting proposals from many scholars from the U.S. West Coast as well as from many Latin Americans.

By closing date for proposals (December 16, 1991) the XVII Congress Program Office at the University of North Texas had received over 220 proposals for panels, workshops, and special sessions, and at least 280 individual paper proposals. Section chairs report that they had received directly a somewhat greater number of proposals than indicated by backup copies mailed to the Program Office. In short, the program for the Los Angeles meeting has the potential to be as large as the 1991 Congress in Washington.

Proposals cover a most exciting and extraordinarily diverse array of topics. Participation by scholars from literature and art, history, anthropology/sociology, and political science appears likely to increase over the 1991 Congress. Topics and areas promising increased attention at LASA '92 include ethnicity, labor studies, scholarly resources, and Mexico and South America. Participation by women and by Latin Americans appears destined for record levels.

During early 1992 the section chairs will prepare draft programs for their respective sections and submit them to the Program Office for final review. During April and May of 1992 a preliminary program will be prepared for publication in the *LASA Forum*. Travel support for Latin Americans, contingent upon funds raised externally, will be announced as early as possible, but probably not before May or June 1992. A final program for the XVII Congress will be mailed in early August 1992.

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LASA Posts Record Year

by
Reid Reading, Executive Director

As the *Forum* went to press, the Latin American Studies Association had posted an all-time record membership for 1991 even before year's end: 3,150 individuals and 102 institutions were affiliated with LASA in the year just past. If history repeats itself, more individuals and institutions will apply for 1991 membership well into 1992, to maintain uninterrupted affiliation and to assure that their collections of the *Latin American Research Review* and the *LASA Forum* are intact.

This growing level of support for LASA has been produced by the exemplary efforts of many loyal and dedicated members, most of them on a voluntary basis. From the students who have staffed LASA congresses, not expecting much more in return than the opportunity to attend panels and workshops, to LASA officers and task force and committee members, who in recent memory have, among other things, produced massive congresses and a new constitution and by-laws, reported on elections in several Latin American countries, and kept the academic channels of communication open under difficult circumstances—all have been instrumental in generating increasing support for the association.

The professional staff of the LASA Secretariat resolves for 1992 to continue providing the highest caliber institutional support for the association that we can. We want always to be facilitators. Let us know how we are doing.

The very best wishes from Pittsburgh for a productive and happy 1992.

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LETTERS

[This letter is in response to Howard J. Wiarda's "United States Policy Toward Latin America: A New Era of Benign Neglect?" and Abraham Lowenthal's "The United States and Latin America In the 1990s: A New Era?" Both articles were published in the Fall 1991 LASA Forum.]

I think my main objection to Wiarda's paper was its assumption that the general thrust of U.S. involvement in Latin America has been "to assist it" and "to bail it out with Marines or dollars," and that those were the "givens of the last four decades." I honestly thought he was using such terms tongue-in-cheek. By the end of the paper, where he explains to us that the decreased emphasis on democracy in U.S. policy toward Latin America will result in "a reversion to authoritarianism in 3-4 countries," I realized this particular guru believed the Reagan government's own propaganda, if he did not write it himself, raising the fundamental problem of his grasp of reality.

In many ways, Lowenthal, apparently assumed to represent what passes for the "left" in the U.S., was more troubling, precisely because in fervently urging the U.S. to "rediscover Latin America" and to "concern itself more than heretofore with the region's internal economic, social and political conditions," he advocates a renewal of the political and economic interference in the affairs of Latin America that the rest of us in this world see as the primary problem. His prediction that "U.S. military, narcotics control, and law enforcement establishments will be major shapers of the U.S. approach" to Latin America is enough to make anybody's blood run cold.

In the real world outside U.S. borders, where just about everyone of just about every political stripe sees a century and a half of U.S. interference in Latin America as everywhere ubiquitous, mean-spirited, bloody minded, and self-destructive, please do not tell me that the best the gurus can come up with as a prognosis for what Latin America needs from the United States in the future is MORE of it. I agree with Lowenthal that a country's foreign policy tests its mettle (he quotes Kennan that containment was "a test of the overall worth of the United States as a nation among nations"). That, of course, is precisely the problem. Lars Schoultz, for one, has reminded his readers that U.S. foreign policy decisions in Latin America, as elsewhere, can and do cost real people their lives.

What is painful is not that U.S. policy in Latin America may be wrong, since we cannot hold the U.S. up to a higher standard than the rest of the world. The painful thing is the

demonstration that two of the most influential prognosticators of U.S.-Latin American relations share such remarkably narrow premises and do not doubt the positive impact of the United States.

Thoughtful readers will recognize that Wiarda and Lowenthal's unquestioning acceptance of the righteousness of the U.S. agenda forms a major impediment to any future change, all the more troubling in what seems to be a unipolar world. If, as their papers suggest, there really is no tribal self criticism among the academic cheerleaders of the foreign policy community, then the U.S. is not equipped to handle the burden of sole great power status.

Timothy E. Anna
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[Professor Lowenthal declined an invitation to reply to the above letter; the LASA Forum received no response from its mailed invitation to Professor Wiarda.]

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[The following letter replies to Christopher Boyer's article "Keeping the People In: An Examination of Non-Revolution in Honduras," which appeared in the Summer 1991 LASA Forum.]

Christopher Boyer's examination of the (in many ways surprising) absence of a serious revolutionary movement in Honduras is an informative discussion of a sadly neglected country. However, Boyer's own analysis undermines his claim that relative deprivation theory is more useful for explaining political unrest (or its absence), at least in Central America, than are theories that emphasize states or social structures (and the "exceptionalism of the Honduran polity" in particular). His analysis suggests, on the contrary, that relative deprivation theory really doesn't get us very far *without* an examination of states and social structures.

Boyer's thesis is that Hondurans did not resort to insurgency in the 1970s and 1980s "because important social sectors maintained and even managed to improve on their modest standards of living." And he assembles an impressive array of evidence to support this claim. The really interesting question, however, is just *why* the standard of living of Honduran workers and peasants did not deteriorate during the 1970s, as it did so conspicuously elsewhere in Central America (excepting Costa Rica). Boyer notes, in fact, that "land was becoming less scarce" in Honduras due to (1) a slowing down of the land enclosure movement of the 1950s and 1960s "owing to pressure from both the peasants and the

government," (2) a "determined (if moderate) land reform" (enacted by a military regime), and (3) a boom in the coffee industry that benefited smallholders who had originally "pushed into the hills" in search of subsistence farmland. (Boyer doesn't explain why wages remained more or less stable in Honduras through the 1970s, although it seems likely that a reduction in land scarcity would help stabilize wages by reducing the supply of wage labor—other things, as they say, being equal.)

In sum, we have peasants successfully taking over productive land; effective peasant opposition to land enclosures; *government* opposition, no less, to enclosures; and—to top it off—a *military* government implementing a not insubstantial land reform. Knowing something about the history of Nicaragua, El Salvador and Guatemala during the 1970s, the Honduran polity sure sounds "exceptional" to me! These events, in fact, raise at least two important and related questions: Why was the Honduran military more reformist and less repressive of peasant movements (and trade unions?) than those elsewhere in the region? And how could peasants move on to good land without the state or *landlords* evicting them (or worse)? One line of response to these questions has been to emphasize the relative autonomy (by Central American standards) of the Honduran armed forces, at least during the 1970s, vis-a-vis a landed oligarchy that was relatively weak owing to the country's low population density and vast tracts of colonizable public land (which made it difficult for the oligarchy to secure a labor force), the consequent underdevelopment of a large-scale coffee industry, and foreign control of important economic sectors, among other factors.¹ In any event, it would be very surprising if Boyer or anyone else could answer these questions without examining the Honduran state or social structure of the 1970s.

Boyer is undoubtedly correct to suggest that students of revolution and political unrest neglect relative deprivation (both the theory and the reality) at their own peril. But relative deprivation theory is, at best, a first step on a very long journey. By itself, certainly, relative deprivation cannot explain collective action, let alone violent political unrest or revolution. For even if it can be shown that relevant social groups feel aggrieved, we still need to know why such groups view armed struggle, in particular, as appropriate or worthwhile, why they possess the organization and resources sufficient to sustain an insurgency, and why an opportunity to rebel without simply getting annihilated presents itself. (Boyer implicitly recognizes that relative deprivation is not a sufficient cause of armed rebellion. He notes that the condition of Honduran peasants deteriorated "at an alarming pace" during the early 1980s, and yet "armed resistance groups are still small and unorganized.") Neither can relative deprivation theory adequately explain the *absence* of

collective action, as Boyer would have it. For even if it can be shown that relevant social groups do not feel particularly aggrieved, we still need, and want, to know *why*. And here, an analysis of states and social structures, as the Honduran case suggests, is likely to prove indispensable.

Jeff Goodwin
New York University

1. See, e.g., J. Mark Ruhl, "Agrarian Structure and Political Stability in Honduras," *Journal of Interamerican Studies and World Affairs*, Vol. 26, No. 1 (February 1984), pp. 33-68; Richard Millett, "Praetorians or Patriots? The Central American Military," in *Central America: Anatomy of Conflict*, edited by Robert S. Leiken (New York: Pergamon Press, 1984), pp. 69-91; and John A. Booth and Thomas W. Walker, *Understanding Central America* (Boulder: Westview Press, 1989), pp. 42-46 and Ch. 8.

[Christopher Boyer responds.]

Jeff Goodwin's reservations about "Keeping the People In" fix both on the level of analysis it employed and on the relative shallowness of its casual exploration. While his comments set a good standard for any full-scale effort of historical sociology, they are somewhat misplaced in the present instance. Goodwin is right, of course, to argue that the individual-level analysis presented does not give us a complete explanation of historical events, or, in this case, non-events in Honduras. It is a truism that the fullest picture would emerge from a Braudel-like text analyzing several levels of discourse on a variety of time scales. However, a more-or-less traditional behavioralist discussion of the type I offered can still shed some of the sharpest light into specific issues (such as non-revolution) that occur *within* a larger social, political and economic structure. This is so since even variations in this larger structure should not lead to social unrest so long as individuals' expectations about their own fortunes remain unchanged.

This logic raises the question of causality. What sorts of generalized processes and specific events could have impacted on these "expectations"? This is a fundamental question, but one the article did not seek to answer in a theoretical sense and only scratches the surface of in a substantive sense: "Keeping the People In" did not propose a general theory of revolutions but rather contended that widespread popular discontent is a necessary but not sufficient condition for any major social movement against the state. Discontent over religious, ideological, or other social factors could arouse sufficient hostility to spark social action; however, in Honduras, where around 75 percent of the population lives in poverty, individual-level economic fluctuations supremely impact large segments of society and therefore merit close

attention. The impossibility of dissociating these various social factors from each other on an ontological theoretical level should not dissuade the analyst from concentrating on micro-economics, not as the proximate cause of revolution, but as a *sine qua non*.

As I have tried to show, these individual-level economic factors were (just barely) unlikely to aggravate large segments of the Honduran population during the 1970s. So while it may be more "interesting," as Goodwin puts it, to move the analysis to a deeper level, it was not necessary for my purposes. Furthermore, although the specific events that impacted on the sectoral economy of Honduras may have been unique in 1970s Central America, there is no reason to assume that Hondurans as polity would not have reacted the same as Guatemalans, Salvadorans and Nicaraguans, if their means of subsistence was threatened. Thus no basis for arguing Honduran exceptionalism exists. On the other hand, as individual-level economic conditions deteriorate—as seems to be the case in 1980s and 1990s Honduras—analysts interested in assessing the likelihood of revolution will need to examine questions of state strength, social structure and other historical specificities of the type Goodwin notes.

Grand Social Theories tend to assume that the level of enmity between the lower economic strata and the upper strata/the state in some way remains constant, thus minimizing the necessity to analyze the dynamic nature of problems facing the lower classes.¹ However my complaint is not so much that Grand Social Theories cannot accommodate discussions of individual-level dynamics, as that their adherents tend not to do so in practice. By contrast, the relative deprivation approach as a *starting point* guarantees that social scientists consider the specific motivations impelling people to take action, or, in the case of 1970s Honduras, making it unlikely that social action take place. Furthermore, it helps the analyst to address social issues in terms that correspond—if only schematically—to those that the subjects themselves experience. Only once this analytic foundation has been laid can we proceed in the direction Goodwin points us.

1. For example, many practitioners of the state-centric mode of analysis have dropped all reference to society in any but the most vague terms despite Skocpol's specific admonition that "the political expression of class interests and class conflicts is never automatic or economically determined." Theda Skocpol, "Bringing the State Back In: Strategies of Analysis on Current Research," in *Bringing the State Back In*, ed. Skocpol, (New York: Cambridge University Press, 1985), p. 26.

Program Committee Report, continued

The new organizational format for the XVII Congress employing section chairs has worked splendidly so far, thanks to the dedicated efforts of committee members. The new format has encouraged increased communication about program content between the Program Committee and members. The Program Office and Program Committee wish to thank all those proposing papers and sessions, Executive Director Reid Reading and his staff in Pittsburgh for their cooperation and support, and the Program Finance Committee, chaired by LASA President Lars Schoultz, for its hard work writing proposals for funding Latin American participants' travel.

See you in Los Angeles!

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The Latin American Studies Association is pleased to announce its competition for the 1992 LASA Media Award for outstanding media coverage of Latin America. This award is made every eighteen months to recognize long-term journalistic contributions to analysis and public debate about Latin America in the United States, as well as for breakthrough investigative journalism. Nominations are invited from LASA members and from journalists. Journalists from both the print and electronic media are eligible. A three-member screening committee from the Award Committee will carefully review each nominee's work and select the top five candidates. The entire Award Committee will then vote to determine the winner, who will be honored at the XVII International Congress in Los Angeles, CA. LASA will invite the awardee to speak at a session and to submit materials for possible publication in the *Forum*. The association will also assume the costs of the awardee's travel to the meeting site. Recent recipients of the award have included Pamela Constable of *The Boston Globe*, Charles Krause of the McNeil-Lehrer Newshour, Bill Buzenberg of National Public Radio and John Dinges of National Public Radio. To make a nomination, please send one copy of the journalist's portfolio of recent relevant work, by *June 15, 1992* to: Professor Susan C. Bourque, Chair, The LASA Media Award Committee, Department of Government, Smith College, Northampton, MA 01063. Telephone: (413) 585-3591. If the work is in the electronic media and a copy is not available, contact Professor Bourque to discuss further procedures.

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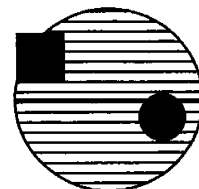
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