

EDITOR'S NOTE

In January of 2024, at the annual conference of the Southern Political Science Association in New Orleans, *The Political Science Reviewer*, the Center for the Study of Citizenship and Constitutional Government at Notre Dame, and the Center for the Study of Liberal Democracy at the University of Wisconsin-Madison hosted a mini-conference called “Traditions of Latin American Political Thought and Constitutionalism.” The fruits of that conference constitute this issue of the *PSR*.

We gathered, papers were presented, and serious discussion followed in the panel workshops, at dinners, and over libations. After the conference, the symposiasts were genuine in their care and concern for their own papers as well as their fellow symposiasts. The authors took these conversations home and revised their papers. The papers were then sent for external peer review and revised again. In sum, this issue of the *PSR* is the culmination of more than a year of thinking, reading, writing, reviewing, revising, and polishing.

The articles are arranged into three sections. In the first section, “Comparative Political Thought from the Metropole to Latin America,” the articles explore the connection, both logical and historical, between Spanish thinkers and thinkers in the new world—including José Ortega y Gasset, Lucas Alamán, Edmund Burke, and Alexis de Tocqueville. “Political Thought on the Rio de la Plata” is the heading of the second set of papers, all of which pertain to thinkers and ideas bound up with Buenos Aires, which, of course, sits on the Rio de la Plata. These articles explore the work of Domingo Faustino Sarmiento, Esteban Echeverría, Rubén Darío, José Enrique Rodó, Ernesto Leclau, and Pope Francis. Finally, in the last section, “Law, Liberty, and Constitutionalism in Latin America,” the authors explore the nation-building ideas adopted from Jeremy Bentham’s work, the history of constitution writing in Latin America, and the more recent efforts to constitute plurinationalist states in the region.

The *Political Science Reviewer* would like to thank the SPSA for graciously hosting our conference-within-a-conference.

That conference, the travel expenses of the participants, and the publication costs were borne by the Center for the Study of Liberal Democracy at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, and the Center for Citizenship and Constitutional Governance. A great deal of the legwork for the conference was done by Luke Foster (Hillsdale), and Eduardo Schmidt Passos (ASU). I am grateful to my friend at the CCCG, Philip Munoz, and I look forward to further collaboration.

The next issue of the *PSR* has no particular theme, but will feature essays on Plato, Xenophon, Plutarch, Montesquieu, Heidegger, Wojtyla, and Voegelin. In the fall of 2025, we will have a special issue from another January conference, “Christian Social and Political Thought,” featuring articles by Joshua Mitchell and Patrick Deneen.

Finally, this will be the final issue of the *PSR* hosted in Wisconsin—our move to Arizona and ASU will be wrapped up by the new year. In the meantime, we ask our readers to continue submitting articles and suggesting ideas for future conversations and symposia.

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