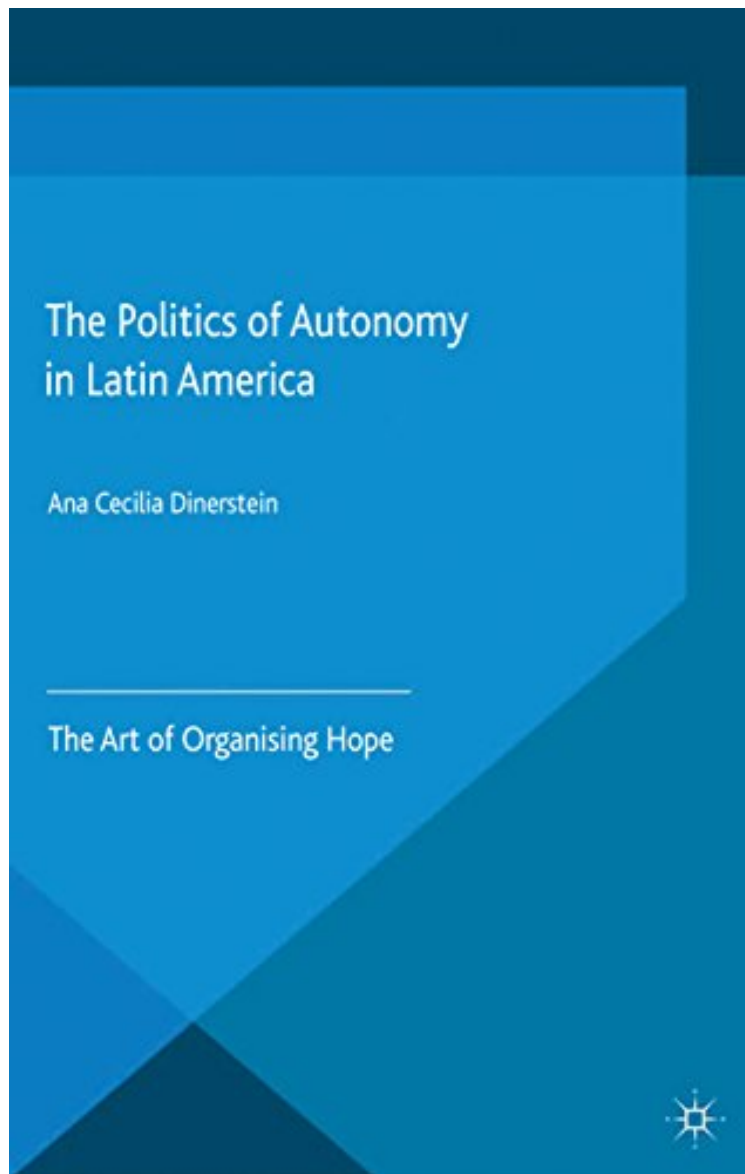


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The author contests older concepts of autonomy as either revolutionary or ineffective vis-à-vis the state. Looking at four prominent Latin American movements, she defines autonomy as 'the art of organising hope': a tool for indigenous and non-indigenous movements to prefigure alternative realities at a time when utopia can be no longer objected.

“The Politics of Autonomy in Latin America offers an invaluable starting point for thinking about these challenges and for confronting the limitations of fatalist critiques or naive optimism that too often pervade debates on autonomy. More than that, it offers an open blueprint for thinking about and acting upon the idea that, within a concrete reality that continues to be overwritten by the hopelessness of neoliberalism, the seeds of hope still remain.” (Adam Fishwick, AntipodeFoundation.org, October, 2016)

“The Politics of Autonomy in Latin America: The Art of Organizing Hope serves as an exciting contribution to emerging discussions, debates, and struggles that go by the name of autonomy. Not only does it provide new trajectories for thinking about autonomous struggles, but it also serves as a review to many of the philosophical debates that have taken up autonomy in the past. Dinerstein’s analysis is accomplished through an exciting conversation between her unique theoretical approaches to autonomy, and the on the ground practices of autonomous movements in the Latin American context. It is here particularly, that the book garners its usefulness from practice to theory and everywhere in between.” (Ryan A. Knight INTERFACE: A journal for and about social movements)

“This is a major book for minor Marxism. Not only does it develop our ability to properly think through autonomy — perhaps the central concern of contemporary emancipatory movements — but it also shows us how we might go about doing this.” (David Bailey CAPITAL CLASS)

“One of the pleasures of this book is its total disregard for the disciplinary boundaries that police contemporary academia. The range of learning on display — across philosophy, history, sociology and politics — is exemplary on many levels. These days one begins a book on autonomy or horizontalism in Latin America with a peculiar trepidation, and an abiding expectation that what lies ahead is rather too well trodden terrain. Dinerstein surprises here as well, offering genuinely novel arguments that adjust our horizons from ‘autonomy and the state’ to the prefigurative potential of social movements in a Blochian frame of hope: what she terms ‘Marx’s critique of political economy in the key of hope’, or ‘the prefigurative critique of political economy.’” (Jeff Webber RADICAL PHILOSOPHY)

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