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Latin America's recent development performance calls for a multidisciplinary analytical tool kit. This handbook accordingly adopts a political-economy perspective to understand Latin American economies. This perspective is not new to the region; indeed, this volume consciously follows the approach pioneered by political economist Albert O. Hirschman a half century ago. But the nature of the political and economic processes at work in Latin America has changed dramatically since Hirschman's critical contribution. Military dictatorships have given way to an uneven democratic consolidation; agricultural or primary-product producers have transformed into middle-income, diversified economies, some of which are leading examples of emerging markets. So, too, the tools of political-economy have developed by leaps and bounds. It is therefore worthwhile to take stock of, and considerably extend, the explosion of recent scholarship on the two-way interaction between political processes and economic performance. A unique feature of the book is that it begins with a group of chapters written by high-level academic experts on Latin American

economics and policies who also happen to be current or past economic policy makers in the region, including Fernando Henrique Cardoso (former president of Brazil), Andr s Velasco (former Chilean finance minister), Luis Carranza (former Peruvian finance minister), Mart n Redrado (former governor of the Argentina central bank) and Luciano Coutinho (president of Brazil's national development bank). These contributors draw upon their academic expertise to understand their experience in the trenches of policy making.

This rich, edited volume captures the heterogeneity of experience in Latin America, exploring the region's surprising economic growth despite its underperformance in institutional deepening. \* Patrice M. Franko, CHOICE \*About the AuthorJavier Santiso is a leading specialist on emerging markets and on Latin America in particular. He is a professor of economics at the ESADE Business School (Madrid) and director of the ESADE Centre for Global Economy and Geopolitics He was formerly Director and Chief Economist at the OECD Development Centre. In 2009 he was recognized as one of the Young Global leaders by the World Economic Forum and in 2010 he was named one of the most influential intellectuals by Foreign Policy. Jeff Dayton-Johnson is a development economist who has worked extensively on Latin America as well as other parts of the developing world. He is an associate professor of international trade and development at the Monterey Institute of International Studies. His published research covers many areas, including international migration, inequality, fiscal policy, natural disasters, foreign aid, social cohesion, cultural policy, irrigation, and local management of natural resources.