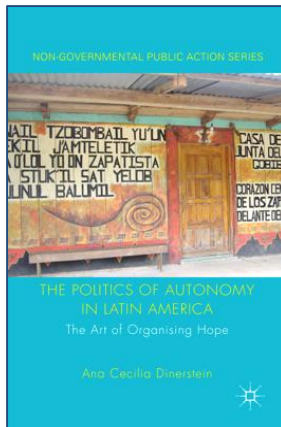


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The Power of Autonomy in Latin America offers a much-needed critical review of the concept and practice of autonomy. By establishing an elective affinity between autonomy and Bloch's philosophy of hope, Dinerstein defines autonomy as 'the art of organizing hope', that is, the art of shaping a reality which is not yet but can be anticipated by the movements' collective actions. Drawing from the experience of four prominent indigenous and non-indigenous rural and urban movement, Dinerstein argues that the pursue of autonomy entails a struggle that simultaneously negates, creates, deals with contradictions vis-à-vis the state and, above all, produces excess that cannot be translated into the grammar of power. Reading Marx's method in key of hope, the book emphasises the prefigurative features of indigenous and non indigenous movements at a time when utopia can no longer be objected.

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