

# THE ARGENTINE CRISIS AT THE TURN OF THE MILLENNIUM

CAUSES, CONSEQUENCES  
AND EXPLANATIONS

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At the turn of the millennium, Argentina was hit by an unparalleled crisis. Institutional instability, economic decline, unemployment, and social mobilization unsettled one of the neo-liberal showcases of the 1990s. The country seemed on the verge of an abyss. Yet, total collapse and disintegration of the economic and political system was avoided. The country's economy began to recuperate and presidential elections were held in April 2003, showing the impressive resilience of the nation's democratic system.

Although these developments are noteworthy, the crisis and its effects have not yet been overcome. On the contrary, they have left deep wounds and transformed Argentina for years to come.

By melding traditional and new research approaches, *The Argentine Crisis at the Turn of the Millennium: Causes, Consequences and Explanations* attempts to provide an overall picture of a crisis whose comprehension will be crucial for students of contemporary Argentina. The chapters included in this book – authored by scholars living in Europe and the Americas – deal with some of the most important issues connected with the crisis. They cover history, the economy, politics and society, national as well as international aspects, the view from above, and the view from below. The contributors include Javier Auyero, Flavia Fiorucci, Laura Gómez Mera, Marcus Klein, Lucas Llach, Mariana Llanos, Luis Alberto Romero, and Sebastián M. Saiegh.

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