



Locating the Martial Middle Class: A Case for Bringing Military Families into Argentina's History of Counterinsurgency and Cold War Modernization

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Argentina's military officers and their families, by midcentury, belonged to a martial middle class. But while past studies of Argentina's Cold War military center on its political interventions, there is a need to explore how the intimate lives of military families structured officers' professional identities and, in turn, a model for economic and social development in the 1960s. This lecture makes a historiographical case for understanding bureaucratic authoritarianism, counterinsurgency, and Cold War modernization alongside a white-collar revolution within the officer corps, during which middle-class military families, through their everyday lives, could simultaneously structure and symbolize an Argentine modernity alternative to liberal democracy.

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