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Matilde Ciolli (Università Valle d'Aosta)

Álvaro Alsogaray and the Making of Argentine Neoliberalism

Germano Ribeiro (Federal University of Rio de Janeiro)

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José Antonio Galindo Domínguez (Centro Universitario Anglo Mexicano)

The Invisible Hands of the Market: Private Organizations and the Architecture of NAFTA's Neoliberal Order

Ricardo Hernán Valenzuela (Universidad Diego Portales)

Reframing the Crisis: The Instituto de Economía Política and the Contested Neoliberal Imagination in Chile, 1982–1985

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Victoria Basualdo (CONICET Argentina)

Economic and Labor Transformations of the Steel Sector in Argentina (1970s–1990s): The Case of Acindar Villa Constitución

Margarita Fajardo (Sarah Lawrence College)

Chile's Neoliberal Nationalization: Copper Sovereignty and the Failed Promise of Foreign Investment

Laurent Mauron (University of Lausanne)

The Zapatistas and Neoliberal Reforms (1994–1996): From an Indigenous Uprising to the Construction of a Universal Cause

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Who Learned What? Revisiting IMF and World Bank Engagement in the 1982 Mexican Debt Crisis

Gabriella Lima (University of Lausanne)

Global Pressures, Local Resistance: IFIs and the Struggles over Wage Policy Reform in Brazil (1982–1983)

Claudia Kedar (Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

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