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Catholic Youth in Cold War Mexico

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Did a conservative and/or progressive Catholic movement proliferate in Mexican universities during the Cold War? What lasting effects did the networks forged in the aftermath of World War II between young Catholic Mexicans, the MIEC (Movimiento Internacional de Estudiantes Católicos), and the more radical JECI (Jeaunesse Etudiante Catholique Internationale) have on the politicization of the nation's youth? By introducing answers to these and additional questions, Pensado will move away from what has developed into an official narrative of youth activism in Mexico in memoirs, plays, novels and essays over the last forty years.

Jaime M. Pensado specializes in contemporary Mexican history, student movements, youth culture, and the Cold War. He is currently working on a second book project that examines Catholic Youth in Mexico during the post-revolutionary period. Professor Pensado's first book, Rebel Mexico: Student Unrest and Authoritarian Political Culture During the Long Sixties (Stanford University Press, 2013) received The Mexican History Book Prize from the Conference on Latin American History (CLAH) in 2014. His recent publications can be found in Mexican Studies/Estudios Mexicanos; The Americas: A Quarterly Review of Inter-American Cultural History, Special Issue: Latin America in the 1960s; The Journal of the History of Childhood and Youth; ReVista Harvard: Review of Latin America; Robert Clarke et. al., eds., New World Coming: The Sixties and the Shaping of Global Consciousness; and The Sixties: A Journal of History, Politics and Culture.

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