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Throughout the 1980s and 1990s, Latin American countries responded to indigenous organization and the growing international recognition of indigenous peoples' rights by reforming their constitutions to recognize multicultural claims. These developments occurred within a wider context of accelerating economic and legal globalization. What are the implications of such changes for democracy, citizenship and social justice? Through a mixture of comparative analysis and case studies from Mexico, Guatemala, Bolivia and Peru, the contributors to this book provide a critical overview of the 'politics of difference' in Latin America. They analyze the ways in which new legal frameworks have been implemented, appropriated and contested across the region, highlighting the tensions between state reform, the impacts of neoliberal economics and the demands of indigenous movements.

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