

## EXCERPTS FROM BOOK REVIEWS

Sylvia Chant with Nikki Craske (2003)

*GENDER IN LATIN AMERICA*

London: Latin America Bureau/New Brunswick, New Jersey: Rutgers University Press.

### *Gender and Society*

'*Gender in Latin America* is an impressive state-of-the-art overview of the vast terrain of research in this area... it represents a critical contribution to knowledge in this field. Although the authors cover the entire region, their arguments are never superficial or vague, and they capture the cultural, political, historical, and demographic nuances of the region remarkably well... This book should be compulsory reading for those interested in furthering their understanding of Latin America....'

### *Contemporary Sociology*

'Chant and Craske's research is a major contribution to the growing literature that moves from examining gender as "women" to "gender as process", which includes men and women conjointly... Chant and Craske have compiled a valuable resource for anyone interested in the contours of gender equality in Latin America',

### *International Feminist Journal of Politics*

'Chant's ...chapters on gender and population, sexuality, health, families and households, employment and migration provide fascinating data on women's lives while illustrating concretely that gender and sexuality are complex and contested issues... Chant's sensitivity to masculinities reflects a new and important trend in feminist research, one that provides new insights...'

### *Feminist Review*

'..the book provides a thoughtful and fascinating starting point for those wanting to know more about questions of gender across the region. While it presents a reflection on gender relations in Latin America the analysis offers useful lessons that extend beyond the confines of the region. It is written in a clear and accessible style that will appeal to "specialists" and "non-specialists" alike and is both informative and enjoyable to read'.

*Journal of Latin American Studies*

'There can be little doubt that this recent publication by Sylvia Chant and Nikki Craske is one of the most complete readers on gender in Latin America to date... a thorough, detailed, balanced and nuanced account of the dynamic nature of gender relations over the recent past. This book should prove to be an essential reader for students, lecturers and researchers working in the fields of Latin American studies, development studies, geography, sociology and politics'.