

The Agony Of Modernization: Labor And Industrialization In Spain

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In the preface to this book, Benjamin Martin explains his purpose: to provide a "general account and analysis [of Spanish labor history] incorporating the substantial monographic research of recent date" (p. xvii). Though this may seem a modest goal, in the context of the field it is a very important undertaking. As Martin himself notes later, the development of Spanish labor history has been hindered by a variety of obstacles, some insuperable and some only recently overcome. Historians have been hampered by a lack of documents, many of which were destroyed during the Civil War, and by restricted access to those that remain. Only in the years since Francisco Franco's death in 1975 have major labor archives such as the Archivo Historico Nacional de la Guerra Civil and the Fundacion Pablo Iglesias been able to open their doors to unrestricted access. More subtly, the field of labor history has been bogged down by narrowly politicized debates sustained by the animosities left by the Civil War of the 1930s.

In this context, Martin's book stands both as a tribute to how far the field has come in the last decade and as a jumping off point for future work. He sets the right tone by providing a balanced synthetic account that avoids the pitfall of fighting old battles between anarchists, Socialists, Communists, and republicans. He is sympathetic to the cause of labor and critical of government and employers, but he does not demonize or idealize any of the actors. In the first general English-language treatment of labor movements since Gerald Brenan's *The Spanish Labyrinth (1943)*, Martin rejects Brenan's outdated reliance on innate psychological characteristics to explain Spanish "exoticism." Instead, he weaves an unsentimental narrative of Spain's turbulent history of labor conflict in the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries that is rooted firmly in economic and political realities. In the process, Martin demonstrates his immersion in the literature with plentiful citations and a thorough and up-to-date bibliography.

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