

1968: A Global Perspective

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The Making of Post-1968 Mexico: International Myths and Domestic Realities

The opening statement of the call for papers "the year 1968 has become a central myth for the twentieth century" is truly striking in the Mexican context. Twentieth century Mexican history is loaded with myths, most prominently the plethora of them surrounding the Revolution and its institutionalization and most of them being completely antithetical to the events of 1968. Yet the role of myth in dictating the course of events in 1968 was profound.

This paper will explore the power of myth in Mexican society as it relates not only to the events of 1968, but also to how the country remembers those events. The result will be a paper that seeks to make sense of domestic issues in Mexico while contextualizing the Mexican experience within the larger, international understanding of 1968 and its lasting meaning.