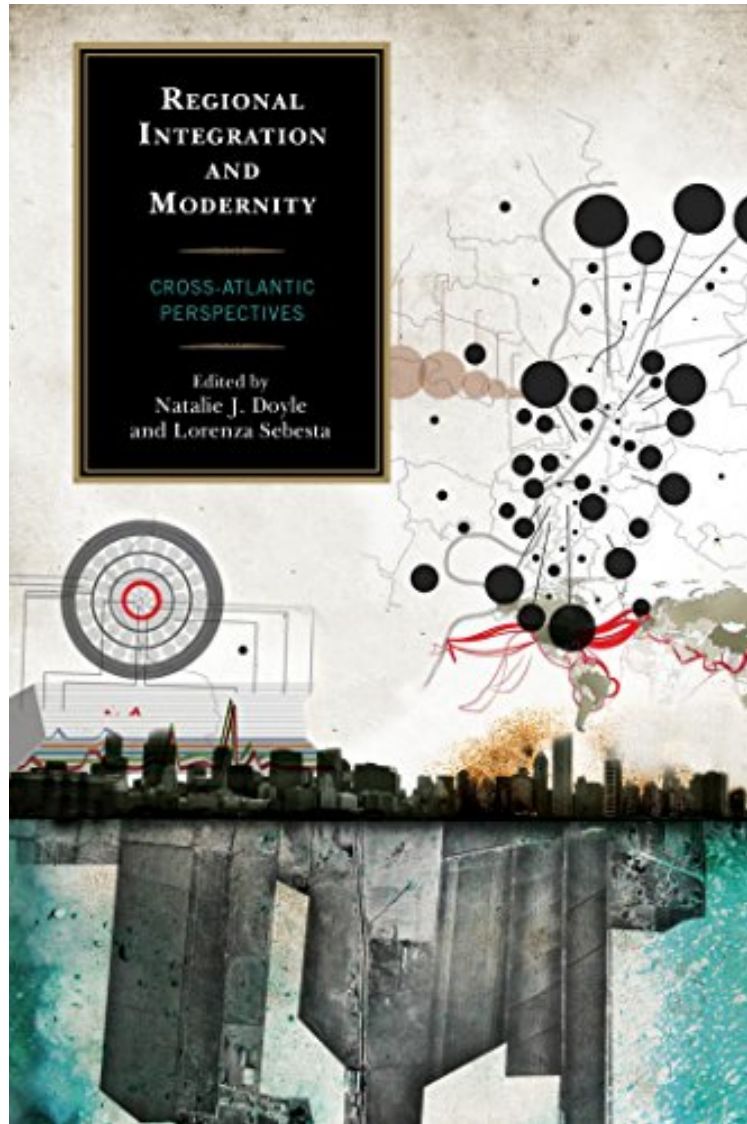


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discuss how and why the different visions of modernity that inform modernization projects encouraged the construction (or rejection) of regional integration, at different times and in different places. It starts with an analysis of plans for the economic integration of Europe in the aftermath of World War I. It shows how integration was identified as the means to modernize the region with a view to helping it overcome political fragmentation and adapt to new conditions of global capitalism. It then turns to the debate on modernization unfolding in the era that constituted the formative period of integration for both Europe and Latin America. It analyses examples of the complex interaction between these two different experiences, as it extends into the present. Finally, it looks at the social and political actors that promoted integration in the two regions and at the discourse they formulated to do so.

The book, *Regional Integration and Modernity: Cross-Atlantic Perspectives*, provides a new and deeply knowledgeable analysis of the integration processes in Europe and Latin America in the context of modernity. The book takes an interdisciplinary approach, including new regionalism theory, that supports the contention that regional integration is a socially constructed phenomenon. The book is, therefore, a valuable contribution to comparative regional integration studies. (Jody Jensen, director of International Relations at the Institute of Social and European Studies) In this intellectually exciting series of essays the research team assembled by Natalie Doyle and Lorenza Sebesta reveal the diverse strands of European and inter-American ideas that advanced regional integration as a key component of modernization. We meet some familiar (and less familiar) thinkers in a new optic as we are provided a trans-Atlantic genealogy of reformist and federalist initiatives through the course of the twentieth century. (Charles Maier, Harvard University) This book analyzes how modernization and economic integration were viewed in Europe, as the means of rebuilding European leadership after World War I, and in Latin America, as the key to growth and self-determination. This transatlantic study of economics, politics, and normative aspirations challenges hegemonic understandings of modernity and economic integration. About the Author Natalie J. Doyle is senior lecturer in French and European studies at Monash University and deputy director of the Monash European and European Union Centre. Lorenza Sebesta, historian, is Jean Monnet professor ad personam at the campus of the University of Bologna in Buenos Aires.