

Contents

List of Illustrations	xi
Acknowledgments	xiii
Abbreviations	xvii
Introduction: The Middle Classes and the Crisis of the Institutional Revolution	1
<i>Part I Upheavals</i>	21
1. Rebel Generation: Being a Middle-Class Radical, 1971–1976	23
2. <i>Cacerolazo</i> : Rumors, Gossip, and the Conservative Middle Classes, 1973–1976	45
<i>Part II The Debt Economy</i>	73
3. The Power of <i>Petróleo</i> : Black Gold and Middle-Class Noir, 1977–1981	75
4. Consumer-Citizens: Inflation, Credit, and Taxing the Middle Classes, 1973–1985	105
<i>Part III Fault Lines of Neoliberalism</i>	141
5. <i>La Crisis</i> : On the Front Lines of Austerity and <i>Apertura</i> , 1981–1988	143
6. Earthquake: Civil Society in the Rubble of Tlatelolco, 1985–1988	173
Conclusion: The Debris of a Miracle	201
Appendix: Quantifying the Middle Classes	209
Notes	217
Bibliography	283
Index	309