

Editorial

On the occasion of the bicentennial anniversary of Independence in different countries of Latin America and the centennial of the Mexican Revolution in 2010, we are bringing out this issue with a view to celebrating and exploring the past and the present. The rich culture, geography and national resources in Latin America, united by the Iberian languages that function like irrigating blood keep the organs alive and moving. The anniversary may not happen during the best years of those nations; however it is a good time for reflection, criticism and balance of what those new republics have achieved and what it continues to be: the ghost in the everyday life of its inhabitants. No doubt some countries have grown faster, economically, culturally or demographically speaking; though corruption, poverty, insecurity and improvisation are among the problems that are still affecting what was called, the New World after two hundred years of self-governance. In this issue writers from various parts of the planet have critically focused on the history and culture of Latin America.

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