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IHS Podcast: Hungry for Revolution



This podcast previews a roundtable to be held on 22 September focused on a new book, *Hungry for Revolution: The Politics of Food and the Making of Modern Chile*, by [Joshua Frens-String](#). Details of the roundtable can be seen below.

Hungry for Revolution (University of California Press, June 2021) tells the story of how struggles over food fueled the rise and fall of Chile's Popular Unity coalition and one of Latin America's most expansive social welfare states. Reconstructing ties among workers, consumers, scientists, and the state, Joshua Frens-String explores how Chileans across generations sought to center food security as a right of citizenship. In so doing, he deftly untangles the relationship between two of twentieth-century Chile's most significant political and economic processes: the fight of an emergent urban working class to gain reliable access to nutrient-rich foodstuffs and the state's efforts to modernize its underproducing agricultural countryside.

HUNGRY FOR REVOLUTION
THE POLITICS OF FOOD AND THE MAKING OF MODERN CHILE
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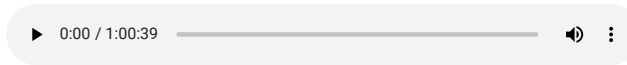
"Hungry for Revolution" is a terrific history of the importance of food in struggles over national modernization and democracy in twentieth-century Chile. It radically reframes debates about consumption to show how food was central to empowering poor people as Chilean citizens.
—Haid, *Tinsman*, author of *Buying into the Regime: Groceries and Consumption in Cold War Chile and the United States*

"Hungry for Revolution" is a brilliant reconceptualization of Chile's twentieth-century history narrated through the lens of food politics. Joshua Frens-String offers multiple insights into the ways changes in food, diet, and consumption patterns and practices were shaped by, and in turn shaped, key moments in Chilean history, from the 1920s and the formation of Chile's welfare state to Salvador Allende's socialist revolution and the violent right-wing counter-revolution during the Pinochet dictatorship."
—Thomas Kluback, Professor of History, University of Virginia

Sponsored by the Institute for Historical Studies in the Department of History at the University of Texas at Austin. **WED, SEP. 22, 2-3:30PM CT**
Info & Register: bit.ly/3IsosfN

Hungry for Revolution (2021) is an ambitious book that, through the social history of food production, distribution and consumption and through a cultural history of the knowledge and science of nutrition, agriculture, and political economy of rural landholdings, offers a radical new chronology of the political history of 20th century Chile. *Hungry for Revolution* masterfully goes over the nitrate export boom in the *fin-de-siècle* mining towns of northern Chile and the creation of the new-deal welfare state of Alessandri and the Frente Popular in the 1930s and 1940s to offer a striking new

genealogy of Allende's Socialist Revolution. This podcast seeks to identify what are the most important contributions of Professor Frensch-Dresen's book to Chile's and Latin America's historiographies.



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