

## Munck Biographic Statement

Gerardo Munck, Argentinian by birth, received his Ph.D. in political science from the University of California, San Diego (UCSD) and is professor in the School of International Relations at the University of Southern California (USC). His research focuses on democracy, corruption, methodology, and Latin America. His books include *Measuring Democracy: A Bridge Between Scholarship and Politics* (Johns Hopkins University, forthcoming in 2009); *Regimes and Democracy in Latin America* (Oxford, 2007); *Passion, Craft, and Method in Comparative Politics* (with Richard Snyder; Johns Hopkins, 2007); and *Authoritarianism and Democratization. Soldiers and Workers in Argentina, 1976-83* (Penn State, 1998).

He has published dozens of journal articles in the United States, Canada, England, Spain, Argentina, Brazil, Chile and Mexico. Some of his articles and book chapters are: (with Snyder) "Debating the Direction of Comparative Politics: An Analysis of Leading Journals," *Comparative Political Studies* (2007); (with Jay Verkuilen) "Research Designs," in Kempf-Leonard (ed.), *Encyclopedia of Social Measurement* Vol. 3 (2005); "Democratic Politics in Latin America," *Annual Review of Political Science* Vol. 7 (2004); "Tools for Qualitative Research," in Brady and Collier (eds.), *Rethinking Social Inquiry: Diverse Tools, Shared Standards* (2004); (with Jay Verkuilen) "Conceptualizing and Measuring Democracy," *Comparative Political Studies* (February 2002); "The Regime Question," *World Politics* (October 2001); and "Game Theory and Comparative Politics," *World Politics* (January 2001).

He worked on *Democracy in Latin America* (2004), a report of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), and is active in various initiatives to promote and monitor democracy. He has consulted for the UNDP, the Organization of Americas States (OAS), the World Bank, and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID). He was a member of the Executive Committee of the Organized Section on Qualitative Methods, of the American Political Science Association (APSA); and is a Board Member of the Committee on Concepts and Methods (C&M) of the International Political Science Association (IPSA).

His book *Authoritarianism and Democratization. Soldiers and Workers in Argentina, 1976-83* was selected by Choice Magazine of as one of the "Outstanding Academic Titles for 1999." His article "Conceptualizing and Measuring Democracy: Evaluating Alternative Indices" (*Comparative Political Studies*, 2002) received the 2003 Award for Conceptual Innovation in Democratic Studies, of the International Political Science Association (IPSA) Committee on Concepts and Methods (C&M) and the Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales (FLACSO), Mexico.