

MEXICAN - EURO - AMERICAN  
AFFAIRS, 1846 - 1848: A DIRECTORY  
AND INDEX TO SCHOLARLY  
INTEREST SINCE 1949

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In reviewing the literature on this subject, Professor Baker has devised an ingenious index, or matrix, to guide the student through the bibliography. In explaining his criteria for selecting items, he states:

My view is that the "War of '47" and the "Revolution of '48" are related, and that events in Mexico, the United States, and Europe need to receive comparative study. Another reason can be brought forward to support the view that this topic is wider than the shared history of Mexico and the United States: Since none of the Great Powers would have wanted the balance of power in North America disrupted by the hegemony of the United States, why did none of them militarily intervene on the side of Mexico? This failure to act can be explained by reference to the inwardness of European consciousness at that time, and perhaps this same inwardness explains part of the Mexican failure to act. . . . This line of thought leads to the suggestion that this directory deserves a breadth at least as wide as that which would correspond to Mexican-Euro-American affairs, 1846-1848.

The Directory is organized according to a matrix, shown below, which takes into account the chronological interest of the work, its topical interest, and the geopolitical locus of its concern. Each position in the matrix is assigned a number and any work judged to fall into that position is identified by that number. In addition, the Directory lists the names and addresses of nearly 200 scholars who have published works on this subject, with information on where their works have been cited.

Key:

- MEX An interest in the 1846-48 period in the context of Mexican history and documentation.
- EUR An interest in the 1846-48 period in the context of European history and documentation.
- US An interest in the 1846-48 period in the context of American history and documentation.
- B An interest in biography.
- I An interest in institutional history.
- R An interest in regional, state, or municipal history.

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THE MAJOR MATRIX AREAS OF INTEREST

- I An interest in the history of politics, society, and public opinion prior to 1846.
- II An interest in intellectual or diplomatic history prior to 1846.
- III An interest in military or economic history prior to 1846.
- IV An interest in the history of politics, society, and public opinion during the period 1846-48.
- V An interest in intellectual or diplomatic history during the period 1846-48.
- VI An interest in military or economic history during the period 1846-48.
- VII An interest in the history of politics, society, and public opinion since 1848.
- VIII An interest in intellectual or diplomatic history since 1848.
- IX An interest in military or economic history since 1848.

*A Matrix of Scholarly Interest Since 1949*

		Topical Interest									
		Politics, Society & Public Opinion			Ideas & Diplomacy			Military & Economic Affairs			
		I			II			III			
Chronological Interest	Background	MEX	EUR	US	MEX	EUR	US	MEX	EUR	US	
		B	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
		I	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	R	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	
	Process	IV			V			VI			
		B	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36
		I	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45
	R	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	
	Consolidation	VII			VIII			IX			
		B	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63
I		64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	
R	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80	81		
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