

CENTRO DE INFORMACIONES Y ESTUDIOS DEL URUGUAY (CIESU)

History Group

The history group of CIESU was formed by Juan Rial Roade, Angel M. Cocchi, and Jaime Klaczko, graduates of the History Section of the Instituto José Artigas, the only institution at the university level devoted to teacher training in Uruguay. They are doing research in urban and demographic history, an area of Uruguayan historiography that has not been much studied by social scientists.

They have published two in a series of CIESU "papers"; the first, "Una red urbana ordenadora de un espacio vacío: el caso uruguayo," is a preliminary report of their work to date, developed under the leadership of the late Carlos Real de Azúa. The definitive version will be published in Montevideo, with the support of the CLACSO Committee on Urban and Regional Development. The second paper, "Proceso de asentamientos urbanos en Uruguay, siglos XVIII y XIX," which also appeared in *Revista Paraguaya de Sociología*, no. 44 (November 1978), is the final version of a paper presented at the seminar on "Población y ocupación territorial en América en los siglos XVIII y XIX," held in Asunción, Paraguay, 2–6 May 1977, and organized by CLACSO.

Cocchi is currently studying the interrelationship of modernization and urbanization, following the outlines set out in his study, "An Urban Country with a Rural Economic Basis: Uruguay, 1875–1914"; Klaczko is preparing a monograph on "Uruguay, 1908: Urbanization and Social Stratification," centered on an analysis of the 1908 general census on population, the only one conducted in that period; Rial is researching the "Impact of European Immigration on Urbanization in the River Plate, 1860–1914." All of these projects are being conducted with grants from the CLACSO Research Scholarship Sub-regional Program. Rial has also written two papers: "Sources for Studies on Demographic History in Uruguay, 1728–1860," which appears in this issue of *LARR*, and "Economic Conditions of Urbanization in Uruguay," scheduled for publication in the near future. All of CIESU's efforts are directed toward research on the process of national urbanization and population via comparative studies with other geographical areas with structural features similar to those of Uruguay, such as the provinces of Buenos Aires, Entre Ríos, and Santa Fe (Argentina), Estado de Rio Grande do Sul (Brazil), and Australia and New Zealand.

Due to local difficulties in obtaining bibliographic materials, the members of the history group would welcome contact from other interested scholars and would like to exchange publications. The address of CIESU is Casilla de Correo 10586, Montevideo, Uruguay.