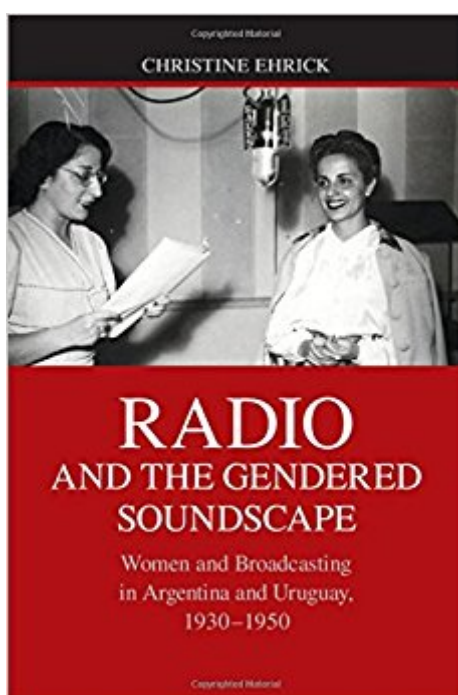


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Radio And The Gendered Soundscape: Women And Broadcasting In Argentina And Uruguay, 1930-1950



Synopsis

This book is a history of women, radio, and the gendered constructions of voice and sound in Buenos Aires, Argentina, and Montevideo, Uruguay. Through the stories of five women and one radio station, this study makes a substantial theoretical contribution to the study of gender, mass media, and political culture and expands our knowledge of these issues beyond the U.S. and Western Europe. Included here is a study of the first all-women's radio station in the Western Hemisphere, an Argentine comedian known as "Chaplin in Skirts," an author of titillating dramatic serials and, of course, Argentine First Lady "Evita" Perón. Through the concept of the gendered soundscape, this study integrates sound studies and gender history in new ways, asking readers to consider both the female voice in history and the sonic dimensions of gender.

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"Through a series of beautifully written accounts of women's voices as they resounded in Río de la Plata's midcentury soundscape, this book will change the ways we listen. Christine Ehrick deftly restores a crucial sonic dimension to the conjuncture of feminism and modernity and insists on new ways to comprehend its comedic, political, and melodramatic registers. Precisely crafted, at once witty and profound, this is a superb invocation of a sonorous past." Alejandra Bronfman, University of British Columbia "By opening up the cultural history of Latin American radio to English-speaking readers, Christine Ehrick has made an enormous contribution to scholarship in itself; when combined with her nuanced and detailed focus on women's voices and the way that gender operates on the airwaves, she has produced a work that will resound across many fields.

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This book is a history of women's voices on the radio in two of South America's most important early radio markets. It explores what it meant to hear female voices on the radio and asks readers to consider gender in its aural and sonic dimensions.

An entertaining and well written survey of a rather exotic (for me) topic. The portraits of the women that dr. Ehrick profiles are vivid and compelling. after finishing the book I actually did feel able to imagine the sounds and impressions of various female voices in the temporally and geographically remote location of buenos aires/Montevideo in the 1930s/40s.

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