

Laudation

For the Hedley Bull Prize in International Relations 2025

The jury has this year chosen to award **Luis L. Schenoni** the **Hedley Bull Prize in International Relations 2025**. The jury reported the following:

In his book, Luis Schenoni studies state formation in Latin America by focusing its 19th century history. Drawing on the historical institutionalist insight of critical juncture the author examines path-dependent trajectories of selected Latin American countries with a focus on the impact of intra-state warfare in Latin America in the longer term.

Using a multi-method inference strategy to both his cross-case and with-case analyses, the author is able to explain variation in state capacity building among Latin American countries.

The study beautifully weaves a myriad of methods with robust analytical findings. Those Latin American countries that had major wins in war built strong states; those that were losers saw its state capacity decline.

This work, by an up-and-coming scholar, who has covered cases in Latin America typically not associated with bellicist theory, has been able to deliver a cutting-edge book, that makes an important contribution to the field of International Relations, worthy of the Hedley Bull prize in International Relations.

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