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Lecture

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South America contains some of the oldest democracies in the world, yet we still know little about how and why democracy first arose in the region. This lecture argues that three main developments brought about democratization in the region in the early 20th century. Military professionalization led the opposition to abandon the armed struggle and focus on the electoral path to power. The growth of parties boosted the capacity of the opposition to enact democratic reforms that would level the electoral playing field. And splits within ruling parties caused dissidents to ally with the opposition to push through the reforms.

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