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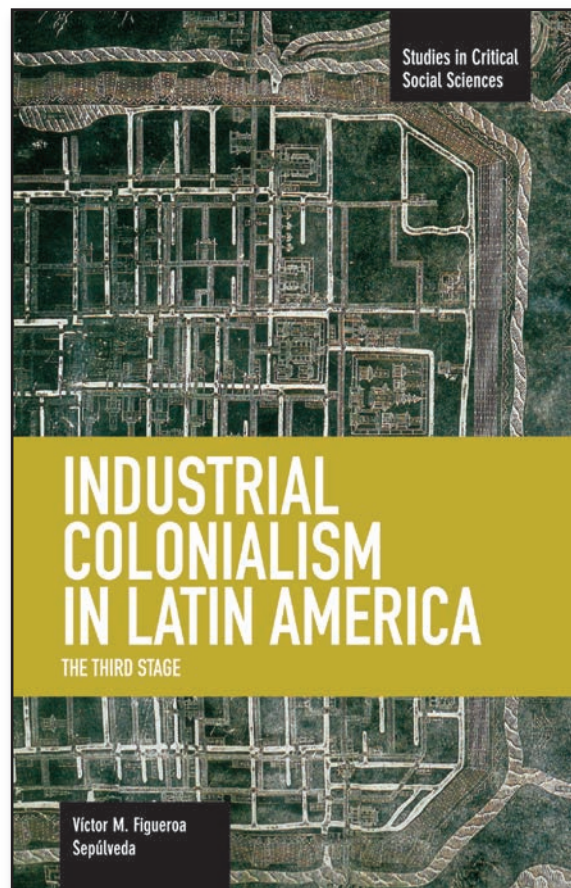
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The external and internal manifestations of these main underlying contradictions in Latin America are systematically exposed as they unfold from the region's particular integration into the imperialist state system.

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