## **PRESENTATION**

In her text "Youth (in)visibility: Youth opportunities regarding the recent past developments of the country" CAMILA CÁRDENAS NEIRA provides us with a theoretical and bibliographical review of youth conditions and the presence of young people in recent Chilean history. On the other hand, MANUEL E. LÓPEZ GARCÍA, in the article "Emerging practices and youth phenomenon as away of social transformation in Colombia" delves into the sociocultural dimension of contemporary Colombian youth, conceiving it as a generation that has developed individual and collective forms of participation, seen as alternative, emerging, and protagonistic practices. MARINA MEDAN, in "Sociability male youth risk. Disputes and agreements between a crime prevention program for youth and their beneficiaries" analyzes the relationship between youth, sociability, and risk behaviors, focusing on the youth reality in Argentina. RODRIGO MOLINA GUTIÉRREZ contributes to the study of adolescent fatherhood in Chile with the article "Teen fatherhood, and the role as a partner and parent" which not only examines the role of adolescent fathers but also delves into the relationships they establish with their partners. This first section on "Contemporary Youth Conditions" concludes with the contribution of VÍCTOR MUÑOZ TAMAYO, titled "A general approach toward youth and chilean politics" dedicated to establishing certain connections between the notion of generations and potential links to youth political cultures and subjectivities.

The second section, "Youth Identities," begins with the contribution by MALVINA SILBA, titled "Subordinate identities: Age, class, gender and cultural consumption" in which she discusses identity issues among young men and women from lower-income sectors in Argentina, focusing on the categories of age, class, and gender. Also from the Argentine context, MARÍA LOURDES FARÍAS addresses the impact of youth employment programs in Argentina in her article "Reflections on the impact of youth employment programs in Argentina: a case study" She explores the dimension of employment and/or unemployment among young people in Argentina, examining the public employment policies for youth and assessing their impact on the conditions of young people's lives. This volume concludes with a collective contribution titled "Alienated youth of today: A study on the vision of the society from the concept of the psycho social anomie and alienation" This multidisciplinary perspective focuses on the social integration dimensions of young people, utilizing the notions of alienation and psycho social anomie.

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