## INTRODUCTION

The first section of the journal "Youth Projects and Trajectories" delves into the themes of life projects and youth trajectories, exploring the various possible paths towards adulthood. The initial study focuses on Brazil, analyzing the diverse trajectories of Brazilian youth based on available data from the last two decades. The second contribution, centered on Chile, examines the formation of life projects among socially young adults, tracing the connections between the worlds of education and labor for these individuals.

In the second section "Notions and Spaces of Youth," a discussion unfolds concerning the uses and approaches to the notions of adolescence and youth. This is viewed as a field of analysis and conceptual, analytical, and programmatic dispute within the realm of youth studies. Alongside this, the current relationships young individuals are establishing with consumption within their local spaces are presented, encompassing both material and symbolic consumption.

A third section of "Research Notes" concludes this edition of Última Década, originating from the field of social history, particularly focusing on social violence in Chile during the mid-19th to early 20th centuries. This research delves into the experiences of marginalized sectors during that historical period.

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