## **PRESENTATION**

IN THIS CURRENT VOLUME of Última Década, two central themes are addressed: "youth, culture, and social values" and "youth and school." In the first section, Patricio Rivas offers a conceptual reflection on ages in the article "the habitus of age" Authors Luis Cárcamo and Felipe Nesbet delve into the youthful uses of new information and communication technologies in the text "The Messenger Generation: Relevance of instant messaging among chilean adolescents" Patrick Donovan, Ximena Oñate, Gonzalo Bravo, and M. Teresa Rivera present a work discussing the notion of risk in "Children and youth at risk: The social management of risk. A literature review" The final article in this first section is by Francisco Ramírez, titled "The myth of youth culture"

The second section is composed of four texts that relate to the young individual in their capacity as a student from various themes and perspectives. Lucía Litichever, Luciana Machado, Pedro Núñez, Soledad Roldán, and Leandro Stagno present "New and old regulations: An analysis of coexistence regulations in secondary school." Ricardo Rivas establishes connections between educational achievements and social class in the article "Educational achievement in young people and social class of origin: The case of greater Concepción"

Tomás Marín addresses youthful value configurations in "New forms of morality in Chilean youth: An exploratory study on emerging value configurations in young students in Santiago." Lastly, the topic of youth and politics is tackled by Bernardo Navarrete in "Youth and politics in municipal high schools. The case of Maipú"

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