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Elisabeth Jay Friedman is Professor and former Chair of Politics and Latin American Studies at the University of San Francisco (USF). She co-coordinates USF's yearly Global Women's Rights Forum, the longest-running San Francisco event series to commemorate International Women's Day by building networks of intersectional, multicultural and non-colonial feminist solidarities within and across national borders. She is the author of *Unfinished Transitions: Women and the Gendered Development of Democracy in Venezuela, 1936-1996* (Penn State Press, 2000), and the co-author of *Sovereignty, Democracy, and Global Civil Society: State-Society Relations at UN World Conferences* (SUNY Press, 2005). Her 2016 book, *Interpreting the Internet: Feminist and Queer Counterpublics in Latin America* (University of California Press), provides the first in-depth study of how Latin American feminist and queer activists interpreted the early internet to develop their identities, construct communities, and hone strategies for social change. By translating the internet into their own vernacular, they also transformed the technology.

Friedman is also the editor of the interdisciplinary collection *Seeking Rights from the Left: Gender, Sexuality, and the Latin American Pink Tide* (Duke University Press, 2019), which brings together the work of 16 scholars from North and South America to explore the extent to which the left-leaning governments of the "Pink Tide" promoted the rights of women and lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people and engaged with feminist and queer movements. It is available in Spanish as: *Género, sexualidad e izquierdas latinoamericanas: El reclamo de derechos durante la marea rosa* (CLASCO 2020).

Her authored and co-authored articles on women's, feminist, and LGBTQ organizing in Latin America and globally have appeared in publications including *International Feminist Journal of Politics*, *Latin American Politics & Society*, *Latin American Research Review*, *Media, Culture, & Society*, *Perfiles Latinoamericanos*, *Politics & Gender*, *Qualitative Sociology*, *Signs*, and *Women's Studies International Quarterly*. Current research projects include the intersection of social movements and digital infrastructure and the impact of new generations and transnational ideas on feminist communities and strategies.

Friedman served as Co-Editor-in-Chief of *International Feminist Journal of Politics* (IFJP; 2018-2021), and is an Editorial Board Member of IFJP and the *American Political Science Review*. She has taken on "Level 3" service roles for the Latin American Studies Association including Co-Track Chair for the "Democratization," "Gender Studies," "Feminisms, Genders & Sexualities," and "Gender and Feminist Studies" Tracks. She has served in various roles for the Gender and Feminist Studies Section, including as a Committee Member (1998-1999; 2009-2010); Organizer for the Section Pre-Conference (co-organized with the Sexualities Studies Section in 2011-2012 and 2012-2013), and Treasurer/Secretary (2010-2013). She joined LASA in 1995.