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Authors tend to assume that invitations to undertake a second edition reflect their wondrous efforts in the original edition and consequent great success. More likely, the University of California Press invitation regarding our book reflects the continued great importance of Mexico and its struggle for democracy. In any event, we are grateful for the opportunity to update our views. Our fundamental argument remains unchanged: that struggles for democracy and development constitute the main parameters that define Mexican political conflicts, and that these struggles are connected in important ways, both positively and negatively. Moreover, we continue to affirm that Mexico has made important strides in both dimensions, albeit still incomplete and with limitations. In this second edition, however, we make use of new information from the administration of Mexico's first non-PRI president to analyze the implications of alternation in power for political and economic reform, matters that were largely speculative at the time of the first edition. Some expectations played out as anticipated — alas, including the pessimistic ones. Other developments, like the speed of the PRI's political recovery, have come as more of a surprise.

Even in the first edition, the development of the book changed course as Mexico itself changed course to reinvent itself and enter new territory in its struggle for democracy. Originally, the joint authors were Daniel Levy and Emilio Zebadúa. Zebadúa's appointment to Mexico's Federal Election Institute, a key agency in the pursuit of fair elections and democracy, made it impossible for him to continue as anticipated. Kathleen

Bruhn then became co-author. Zebadúa continued to play a role in shaping the treatment of Mexico's struggle for democratic development in an increasingly internationalized setting. For two of the chapters in the first edition, his initial drafts provided some of the material and perspectives. For all the chapters, he continually provided facts, insight, and suggestions, with particular attention to changing trends and Mexican perceptions of them. Levy is the main author of Chapters 1, 2, 4, 6, and most of 7. Bruhn is the main author of Chapters 3, 5, 8, and the section on trade in 7. But Levy, Bruhn, and Zebadúa worked together on all chapters. Revisions for the second edition have involved just Levy and Bruhn, with Bruhn taking the lead.

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