

Within the past fifteen years, studies on politeness in the Spanish-speaking world have proliferated, and there is now a need to take stock of both theoretical and empirical developments. One of the main aims of this volume is to offer a comprehensive survey of the field and suggest areas for future development. For this purpose, the book gathers together overviews by well-established scholars of work on politeness in different varieties of Spanish. Basic trends and prospects for the future are considered by the editors in the concluding chapter. Another central aim of this volume is to advance knowledge in the field with empirical and theoretical contributions from leading scholars who examine politeness with respect to little-explored speech activities and contexts.

It is hoped that this volume will encourage further research on (im)politeness and the management of interpersonal relations more generally, and that this will contribute not only to providing a fuller picture of the area in the Spanish-speaking world in relation to different speech activities, different sociocultural contexts, and different varieties of Spanish, but also to a better understanding of the notions of (im)politeness and the management of interpersonal relations, and how they can best be studied.

*Research on Politeness in the Spanish-Speaking World* will be essential reading for upper-level undergraduates and graduates in Spanish pragmatics and Spanish linguistics, and will be a useful reference book for practitioners in the field.

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