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### Book Presentation by Coauthor Elaine Acosta

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Latin America is facing a great challenge coming from the aging of population in the context of a crisis of care. This phenomenon raises the issue of developing new and more research on comparative social policies. This book on caring for the aged in Latin America analyzes three of the oldest countries in the region: Cuba, Chile, and Uruguay. The volume describes and compares the legal regulations of care toward elderly people, the social policies on care and aging, and the programs and services offered to cover the needs of the aging population and their families. The book concludes with a series of lessons and recommendations resulting from comparative analysis. Finally, the authors (Drs. Elaine Acosta, Florencia Picasso, and Valentina Perrotta), with the support of the Social Policies in Latin America (SOPLA) program affiliated with the Konrad Adenauer Foundation, assert the need to promote studies on comparative social policies on aging care, which would allow the assessment of the progress, obstacles, and challenges on the issue in Latin America.

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