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*To Romina and Bruno*



## Preface

This book investigates the temporal dimension of justice: should justice have a forward-looking or backward-looking orientation? The answer seems to depend on the weight of the reasons for repairing historical injustices as well as those of distributive justice. The main thesis of the book is that the demands to repair historical injustices can and must be reconciled with those of distributive justice. The temporal dimension of justice is discussed in two contexts. The initial part of the book examines whether and under what conditions post-colonial injustices against 19th-century Latin American indigenous peoples should be repaired. Later, the book assesses how climate burdens should be distributed globally and how to respond to potential injustices arising from deviations from a fair climate transition. While the argument for reconciling reparative obligations and distributive justice runs through all the chapters, each chapter can stand on its own for independent reading.

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