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## Roundtable Review of *In the Shadow of Melting Glaciers* by Mark Carey

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Mark Carey identifies glacial retreat as a historical reality that has played a substantial role in the political, economic, and social dramas of South America. Carey's book challenges us to think less like climate modelers and more like historians, anthropologists, and geographers. Understanding the true effects of climate change "requires knowledge of distinct societies," he writes, along with their particular governments, institutions, scientific knowledge, religious values, and all the other trappings of life (p. 5). Doing so might seem like a daunting task, but Carey takes up the challenge with relish, and delivers an analysis of how disasters wrought by glacial retreat have refashioned both the natural and political landscapes of the Peruvian Andes in the twentieth century.

— Jacob D. Hamblin, "Introduction"

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