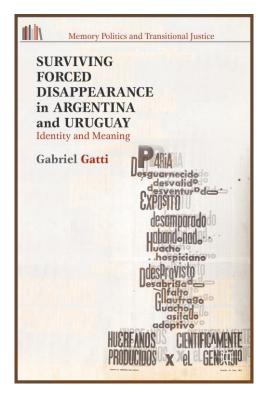
# palgrave macmillan



Memory Politics and Transitional Justice

Hardback 9781137394149 Aug 2014 £60.00 \$90.00 \$104.00CAN

#### CONTENTS

Introduction: Sociology from the Gut 1. A Catastrophe for Identity and Meaning. Forced Disappearance, Modernity, and Civilization

- 2. Activists of Meaning. Bringing Order to Ruins, Remaking Bodies, Undoing Traumas...
- 3. Moral Techniques. Recovering Disappeared Identities through Forensic Anthropology
- 4. The Meaning-Preserving Machinery of the Grandmothers of Plaza de Mayo
- 5. Art and Science Struggling with the Absence of Meaning
- 6. Noisy Silences. The Testimonial Work of the Former Detained-Disappeared
- 7. Serious Parodies. 'Children of' Inhabiting (More or Less Joyfully) the Absence
- 8. Transnationalization of the Detained-Disappeared, Social Creativity, and Other Unintended Consequences of Forced Disappearance

# Surviving Forced Disappearance in Argentina and Uruguay Identity and Meaning

## **Gabriel Gatti**

Gabriel Gatti is Professor of Sociology at the University of the Basque Country, Spain. His research and teaching focus on contemporary forms of identity, in particular those constituted in situations of social catastrophe, rupture, and fracture. He is the author of Identidades débiles, Identidades desaparecidas, Les nouveaux répères de l'identité collective en Europe, and Basque society.

'Through solid sociological and historical research, Gabriel Gatti has made a major contribution to the study of the detained-disappeared in Latin America.' - Danilo Martuccelli, Professor of Sociology, Université Paris 5-Sorbonne, France

'Gatti provocatively explores the figure of the disappeared in Latin America, seeking to shatter commonplaces and empty discourses, while at the same time looking critically at the strategy of disappearance and many of the attempts to exorcise it. A necessary, at times discomforting book that questions and disassembles rigid truths that have become useless over time, this is essential reading for understanding both forms of resistance and the specificity of disappearance as a strategy for spreading terror.' - Daniel Feierstein, Professor of Sociology and Director of the Genocide Studies Center, Universidad Nacional de Tres de Febrero, Buenos Aires, Argentina, and President of the IAGS (International Association of Genocide Scholars, 2012-2014)

'One of the greatest achievements of Surviving Forced Disappearance is that it recognizes different places of enunciation without becoming permanently fixed in any one place. The son, brother, and brother-in-law of disappeared persons, Gatti removes himself from his position as relative, which strips him of the possibility of being a protagonist. He is a son who refuses to be 'the son of,' a brother who is but is not a 'relative,' and an academic who points out the limitations of meaning while still deploying a full academic arsenal with all its 'nods.' Gatti gradually constructs that 'out of place' that is, above all, a moving out of the place socially and politically assigned. Especially welcome is his determination to avoid any place in the 'hierarchy of hardship' - in particular, the condition of damaged, assisted, passive, apolitical 'victim' from which Gatti insistently distances himself.' - Pilar Calveiro, Universidad Autónoma de Puebla, Mexico, author of Poder y desaparición. Los campos de concentración en Argentina

## About the book

Due in large part to humanitarian law and transitional justice, the categories of detained-disappeared and forced disappearance are today well established - so much so that in some places like Argentina and Uruguay an intense social life has taken shape and become crystallized around them and in their wake. In the complex and dense social worlds that result, victims mix with institutions, laws, and professionals (forensic anthropologists, social scientists, jurists, psychologists, artists, archivists, writers, and so on), occupying intersecting positions and doing so with varied narratives, from the heroic to the tragic, the epic to the paradoxical. Based on extensive fieldwork in Argentina and Uruguay, this book examines and analyzes these worlds. It is aimed at those who are interested in understanding how one *inhabits* the categories that international law has constructed to mark, judge, think about, and repair horror.

#### Order on line at www.palgrave.com

Direct Customer Services, Palgrave Macmillan, Publishing Building, Brunel Road, Houndmills, Basingstoke, RG21 6XS, UK Tel: +44 (0) 1256 302866 Fax: +44 (0) 1256 330688 Email: orders@palgrave.com USA: Palgrave Macmillan, VHPS, 16365 James Madison Highway (US route 15), Gordonsville,

VA 22942, USA Tel: 888-330-8477 Fax: 800-672-2054 Customer Services, Palgrave Macmillan, Level 1, 15-19 Claremont St, South Yarra VIC 3141, Australia Tel 1300 135 113 (free call) Fax 1300 135 103

Email: customer.service@macmillan.com.au

