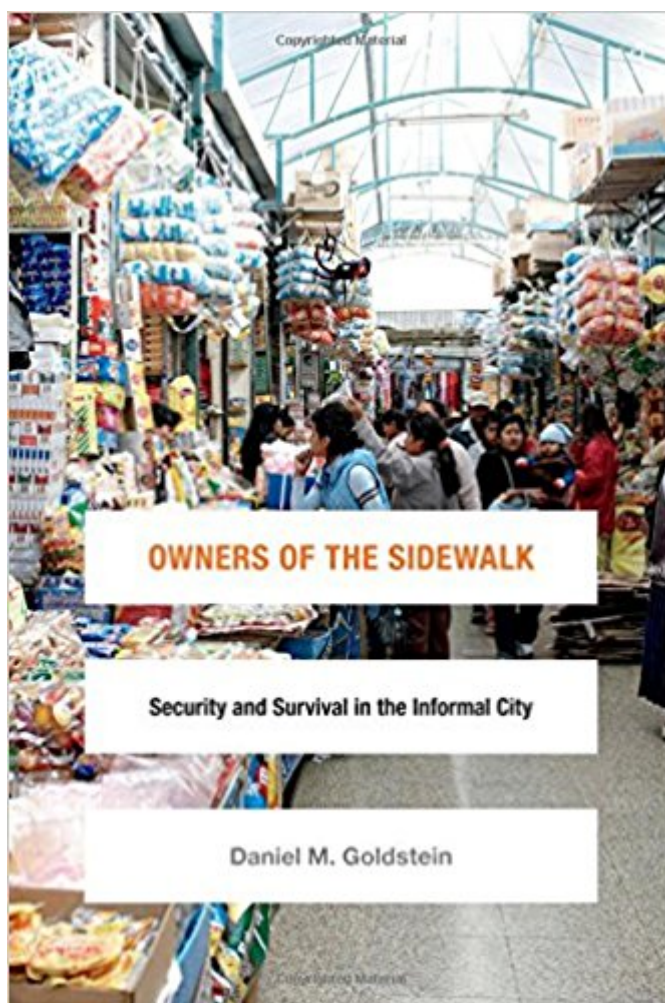


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# Owners Of The Sidewalk: Security And Survival In The Informal City (Global Insecurities)



## Synopsis

Many of Bolivia's poorest and most vulnerable citizens work as vendors in the Cancha mega-market in the city of Cochabamba, where they must navigate systems of informality and illegality in order to survive. In *Owners of the Sidewalk* Daniel M. Goldstein examines the ways these systems correlate in the marginal spaces of the Latin American city. Collaborating with the Cancha's legal and permanent stall vendors (fijos) and its illegal and itinerant street and sidewalk vendors (ambulantes), Goldstein shows how the state's deliberate neglect and criminalization of the Cancha's poor—a practice common to neoliberal modern cities—makes the poor exploitable, governable, and consigns them to an insecure existence. Goldstein's collaborative and engaged approach to ethnographic field research also opens up critical questions about what ethical scholarship entails.

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Daniel M. Goldstein is Professor of Anthropology at Rutgers University, the author of *Outlawed: Between Security and Rights in a Bolivian City* and *The Spectacular City: Violence and*

Performance in Urban Bolivia, and the coeditor of Violent Democracies in Latin America, all also published by Duke University Press.Ã Â Ã Â

Please be advised, this is not the Daniel Goldstein accused of mistreating Ivanka Trump on a JetBlue plane. He is a professor of Anthropology at Rutgers University, and this book - which I have read - is about how people at multiple levels of society and with differing aspirations, navigate formal and informal social and economic needs in Bolivia. But beyond that, and perhaps most importantly, it expands upon and takes anthropological research and writing in a bit of a different direction. Not only does the author write for a general audience and make it plenty accessible for anyone interested in other cultures and ways of life, but he also openly engages with the methodological requirements and dilemmas faced by a professional researcher in relation to the simple empathy he feels for the people he works with every day while doing his research. Please, if you are just trolling the name "Daniel Goldstein," find the real one. This is a good book, well researched and well written, and not deserving of politically motivated slander against someone else!

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