In the early morning hours of June 14th, 2006, Oaxacan state and municipal police advanced upon the twenty-seventh annual teachers union *plantón* (encampment) in an attempted *desalojo* (eviction). However, what followed caught everyone by surprise as multitudes of Oaxacan civil society came forth in support of the striking teachers union, occupied the public buildings of the capital city, and transformed a labor issue into a broad-based, cross-class social movement.

In meetings convened by the teachers union, existing activists and organizations formed a horizontally organized umbrella social movement organization aptly named *la Asamblea Popular de los Pueblos de Oaxaca* (Popular Assembly of the Peoples of Oaxaca, APPO). Under the central demand for the resignation of the Oaxacan Governor, the APPO controlled the streets of Oaxaca City until the movement was crushed by federal police forces in November, 2006. This project examines the growing body of literature on the 2006 movement, supplemented by participant interviews, to interrogate the inner workings of a diverse social movement.

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