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ABSTRACT: The rapid growth of Buenos Aires in the late nineteenth- and early twentieth-centuries produced new sources of contagions which threatened honor. Much of the discourse concerning contagion centered on the effects of European immigration on Argentine society. All kinds of physical and moral "diseases", legal and medical professionals argued, were being introduced by immigrants. This paper examines honor as defined by these professionals, and the threats posed to it by the influx of foreigners whose honor was undermined by the immigrant experience itself.

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"FOREIGN CONTAGION AND HONOR IN
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