

Political Science 371

Latin American Politics

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Course Description

This class focuses on the process of political development in Latin America. Populist regimes of the 1930s faced violent coups in the 1960s in many Latin American countries. Political systems transitioned back into electoral politics starting in the 1980s. While not all countries followed the same trajectory, all Latin American countries have experienced populism, authoritarian regimes and electoral politics in some form. With primary focus on Venezuela, Chile and Mexico, we will study populism, military intervention and the transition from authoritarian to civilian rule. The three countries have different experiences in the process of democratization but also share common economic, cultural and institutional elements. A stable democratic process arose in Chile. Venezuela is going through a process of redefining Latin American populism and liberalism. And, Mexican democratization has been slow but steadily progressing. These examples will be used to explore the institutional, economic and cultural explanations to Latin American political development in the 20th and 21st century.

Course Requirements

Attendance and Class Activities

You are required to attend class regularly. Everyone is expected to participate in class discussions. Unless excused in advance or you have proof of emergency, you may not miss more than 2 class periods without penalty. Do not come to class late. If you walk in late, you are responsible for getting the instructor to mark you present after class. 2 late arrivals equal an absence up to two absences, after the 4th lateness all late arrivals are counted as absent.

Readings

You must do all the readings for the week before coming to class. Additional readings that are not included in the syllabus may be assigned by the instructor.

Required text:

1) Mexican Lives. Hellman, Judith Adler (1995). ISBN: (1-56584-178-6)

2) Pamela Constable and Arturo Valenzuela, A Nation of Enemies 1993 / paperback / ISBN 0-393-30985

The rest of the readings are on Eres library or Eres class site.

Copied Articles Eres:

Blake, Charles, 2005, "Chp2: A Bird's-Eye View of Latin American History" in *Politics in Latin America*, Houghton-Mifflin

De La Torre, Carlos, "The ambiguous meanings of Latin American populisms." *Social Research*; Summer92, Vol. 59 Issue 2, p385, 30p

Collier, David, ed. 1979. "Overview of the B-A Model" in *The New Authoritarianism in Latin America*, Princeton University Press.

Ellner, Steve, 2007, "Introduction" *Venezuela Hugo Chavez and the Decline of an Exceptional Democracy*, Rowman and Littlefield.

Krueger, Anne O. 1992. "Economic Policy Reform in Developing Countries." Blackwell.

Mahony, "Long-Run Development and the Legacy of Colonialism in Spanish America" *American Journal of Sociology*, Volume 109 Number 1 (July 2003): 50-106

Mainwaring Scott and Timothy Scully. 1995. "Building Democratic Institutions: Party Systems in Latin America," Stanford U. Press.

Mainwaring, Scott and Matthew Shugart. 1997. "Presidentialism and Democracy in Latin America," Cambridge University Press.

O'Donnell, Guillermo A., 1979. "Modernization and Bureaucratic-Authoritarianism." UC Berkeley.

Pastor, Manuel and Carol Wise The Lost Sexenio: Vicente Fox and the New Politics of Economic Reform in Mexico *Latin American Politics and Society*; Winter 2005; 47, 4

Przeworski, A. and Limongi, "Modernization: Theories and Facts," *World Politics* 49.2 (1997) 155-183

Roberts, Kenneth R. "Social correlates of party system demise and populist resurgence in Venezuela" *Latin American Politics and Society*; Fall 2003; 45

Scully, Timothy. "Reconstituting Party Politics in Chile" in Mainwaring and Scully

Valenzuela, J. Samuel and Arturo Valenzuela. "Modernization and Dependency: Alternative

Perspectives in the Study of Latin American Underdevelopment,” *Comparative Politics* 10 (1978): 535-557.

Weldon, Jeffrey. “Political Sources of Presidentialismo in Mexico” in Mainwaring and Schugart.

Weyland, Kurt. “Latin American Neopopulism: Neopopulism and Neoliberalism in Latin America: how much affinity?” *Third World Quarterly*, Vol 24, No 6, pp 1095–1115, 2003

Wynia, Gary. 1990. “Chile: democracy destroyed” in *The Politics of Latin American Development*. 167-192, Cambridge University Press.

Papers

Reaction papers should be 3-4 pages based on the readings of the week that you sign up for. A guide to how to write a critical essay on the readings will be distributed in class.

You are required to write a 6 page paper for this course. A detailed paper assignment will be distributed in advance.

- Sep 18 Topic Proposal due
- Oct 20 Bibliography and literature review due
- Nov 3 Rough draft and outline due
- Nov 17 Final paper due

Exams

There will be two written exams. These exams are made up of essay and short answer questions. No make up exams are given unless you have a doctors note or other extreme circumstances.

Grading Policy

Mid Term Exam	25%
Final Exam	30%
Paper:	25%
Class Participation	10%
Reaction Paper	<u>10%</u>
Total	100%

WARNING!!!

You are responsible for all of the policies explained in this syllabus. Ignorance of these policies is not an acceptable excuse for failing to meet the course requirements. You are encouraged to read over this syllabus very carefully and refer to it regularly throughout the course. On rare occasion, changes in policy which supersede the syllabus may be announced in class. You are responsible for knowing any updated policies regardless of whether you were in attendance when new policies were announced.

Academic Integrity

Plagiarism of any form will not be tolerated and will result in appropriate action by the

instructor. You are responsible for learning about plagiarism. If you have questions regarding academic integrity, you should approach the instructor during office hours to get further information on university's policies.

Dates	Topic	Readings
Week 1 (August 24-28)	Introduction	Blake, "A Bird's-Eye View of Latin American History" (15-33) On BB class page
Week 2 (Sep 4)	Colonialism and Its Legacies: Social, Economic and Political development in Latin America	Mahony, "Long-Run Development and the Legacy of Colonialism in Spanish America" On BB class page
Perspectives on Latin American Political Development		
Week 3 (Sep 8-11)	Modernization and Dependency	Valenzuela and Valenzuela. " Modernization and Dependency : Alternative Perspectives in the Study of Latin American Underdevelopment," 535-557 Przeworski and Limongi, " Modernization: Theories and Facts "
Week 4 (Sep 15-18)	Bureaucratic Authoritarianism (Paper Topic proposal due)	Collier, David "Overview of the B-A Model" On BB class page <i>Optional</i> : O'Donnell, Modernization and Bureaucratic-Authoritarianism (55-111, 203-209)
Week 5 (Sep 22-25)	Political Economy and Liberal Reforms	Krueger, Anne " Economic Policy Reform in Developing Countries." 1-58, 69-78 and 146-159
Week 6 (Oct 2)	Populism and Neo-populism	Carlos de la Torre, The ambiguous meanings of Latin American populisms Kurt Weyland, Latin American Neopopulism
Week 7 (Oct 6)	Mid-Term exam	Mid-term
Week 8	Political Institutions:	Mainwaring and Schugart.

(Oct 13-16)	Presidential Systems	Presidentialism and Democracy in Latin America 1-54 and 394-437
Week 9 (Oct 20-23)	Political Institutions: Party Systems (Literature review and bibliography)	Mainwaring and Scully. Building Democratic Institutions 1-34 and 459-474
Case Studies		
Week 10 (Oct 27-30)	Breakdown of Democracy: Chile	Wynia, 167-192 In Class BB Constable and Valenzuela, A Nation of Enemies (All)
Week 11 (Nov 3-5)	Rebuilding Democracy in Chile (Outline and rough draft of paper due)	Scully, Reconstituting Party Politics in Chile 100-137
Week 12 (Nov 10-13)	Mexico: Economic Liberalization and transition to democracy	Weldon, Political Sources of Presidentialismo in Mexico 225-259 Pastor and Wise, Lost Sexenio
Week 13 (Nov 17-20)	Why the PRI lost its reign (Paper due)	Hellman, Mexican Lives (All)
Week 14 (Nov 24)	Venezuela: Chavez and neo-populism	Roberts, Social correlates of party system demise and populist resurgence in Venezuela
Week 15 (Dec 1-4)	Venezuela A new era?	Ellner, Introduction: New Perspectives and Chavez Phenomenon, Ellner and Salas, Venezuelan Exceptionalism Thesis: Separating Myth from Reality
Week 16 (Dec 8)	Review	
Final Exam	Thursday, 12/18/2008 10: 15. - 12:15 p.m.	