

Contemporary Latin America - JPM198

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Cíl předmětu

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Předmět Contemporary Latin America pokrývá současný vývoj latinskoamerické společnosti na poli politickom, sociálnom či kultúrnom.

Literature

General books

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? Financial Times
? Foreign Affairs
? Foreign Policy [Internet Access also at http://www.foreignpolicy.com/search_fp_archive.html]
? Global Society
? International Affairs
? Journal of Interamerican Studies and World Affairs (via Ebsco Database)
? Latin American Perspectives
? Latin American Politics and Society
? Latin American Research Review
? Survival
? Third World Quarterly
? UNESCO Courier
? World Politics

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? <http://www.ciponline.org/>
? Central America Daily is an English newspaper covering Latin American current affairs at
? <http://www.centralamericadaily.com/>
? CNN has special Americas coverage at
? <http://www.cnn.com/WORLD/>
? A range of useful on-line historical material will be found in the Hispanic Reading Room of (U.S.) Library of Congress, located at
? <http://lcweb.loc.gov/rr/hispanic/>
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<http://fuentes.csh.udg.mx/CUCSH/Sincronia/index.html>

For current developments the World Wide Web is another interesting source. For instance:

The Economist (libraries or www.economist.com)

The New Presence (libraries or <http://www.new-presence.cz>)

Freedom House (<http://freedomhouse.org>)

European Voice (<http://www.europeanvoice.com>)

Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty (<http://www.rferl.org>)

Web pages of political parties, deputies, senators, presidents, parliaments, politicians, various NGOs, BBC, The Guardian, The Times, CCN, etc.

More sources (books, journals, databases) available at the Institute of the International Relations library (<http://www.iir.cz>), City Library in Prague (www.mlp.cz)

Metody výuky

Seminar Guidelines

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Požadavky ke zkoušce

Zkouska

Klasifikace se řídí [Opatřením děkanky č.17/2018](#).

Sylabus

Contemporary Latin America

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Winter semester 2019/2020

Lectures and seminars: Thursday, 11:00 - 12:20

Seminar room: J3015

Lecturer: PhDr. Malvína Krausz Hladká, Ph.D.

e-mail: hladka@fsv.cuni.cz

Consultation time: Thursday, 13:00 - 15:00

Course Description

Subject Aims and Objectives:

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Attendance:

All students, whether or not they are giving a presentation, are expected to prepare so that they can participate fully in the subsequent discussion of the topic. Participation in seminar discussions is required. Students are expected to attend 90 % of seminars and lectures.

Final Exam:

Final exam accounts for 70% of the total grade.

Final exam questions/topics will be carefully chosen from all course lectures, seminar topics, required reading and presentations.

In case of absence, the student has to provide the lecturer with a substantial reason (illness etc.) in advance (see the lecturer's private e-mail above).

Assessment

Assessment will be based on one oral presentation and final exams: Final exam (90 min).

The final grade for MA students is a combination of the following items:

Presentation: 30%

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A brief course overview

October 03, 2019:

Introduction to the course, requirements. Topic for presenting, course overview

October 10, 2019:

Introduction to Latin America

An Introduction to Latin America in the Global System: Places and Themes

October 17, 2019:

Deepening Democracy

From Colonisation to Nationalism to Globalisation

Changing political structure and culture, Democratization, Transition of Political Systems, Contemporary "dictators" or political elites, Privatization and trade liberalization policies

October 24, 2019:

Politics of Latin America

Population Issues, Pattern of Historical Development, Political and Economic Ideologies

Political systems, theories, political culture

October 31, 2019:

Crisis in México, Argentina, Chile and Brazil

Mexico in Progress and Crisis: From Cortés to NAFTA

Brazil: An Emerging, Revisionist 'Great Power'?

The Struggle for Democracy: Chile and Argentina. The own attitude of Chile as a world's player - its relations in between the states of Latin America, the relations with the European Union and United States of America, the solution and a model for the rest of the countries?

Crisis in the states of the regions that mostly influenced the world's economy. The position of the financial institutions like IMF, the World Bank and IADB

November 7 2019:

New left in Latin America;

Political Parties, Electoral Systems, Presidencialism, NGOs, (Mis) rule of law, bureaucracy and administration.

Pink tide, Globalisation in Latin America , Populism vs. leftism

November 14, 2019:

Integrative Trends of Latin American region

Regional Organisations and Political Regionalism: The Hemispheric Dream

Dimension of the Latin American integration, models of integrations, current situation of the economic and political integration, regionalization and globalization in the processes of the integration and it's framework of international relations.

November 21, 2019

MERCOSUR - past and future

From Mercosur to Free Trade Areas

Latin American most developed integrative process made of Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay and Uruguay, relations with European Union, Summits and Agreements, Future visions.

November 28, 2019

NAFTA and the FTAA - vision or reality?

The relations of USA and Mexico, Canada and Mexico.

Ten years of the process of generating NAFTA, pros and cons for each state.

December 5, 2019

The Washington Consensus and US Leadership

The Shifting Pattern of US-Latin American Relations

History and continuation of the relations among USA and the states of Latin America, OEA, TIAR, ALCA, TLCAN, Monroe s Doctrine, Dollars Diplomacy, Interventions and Imperialism. Presidency of Bush vs. Clinton.

December 12,2019

Social Patterns

Social Structures, Criticism of Social Policy, Trends and Changes in the 20th century, Urbanization and problems of overcrowded megalopolises, Degradation of the Environment, Commercial development of the region, Deforestation programs, Coastal pollution, Urban growth, Social Movements.

Alternatives for the future

The Latin American Search for Foreign Policy and Security in the 21st Century , The Quest for Stability: From Dependence to Interdependence, The Global Context of the region of Latin America, Political Changes and Economic prospects, Models of Growth, Globalization and Regional Integration in the World of Tomorrow.

Presentation and Seminar Papers:

The presentation paper accounts for 30% of the total grade. The oral presentation should reflect an intellectual mastery of the topic, good structure, good presentation.

Each student will give one formal presentation, which should last about 10-15 minutes. Please, make sure that you come to the seminar the day when your presentation is due. Any presenter who cannot come the day of his/her presentation must inform the lecturer at least 24 hours in advance (see the lecturer's private e-mail address above). You should provide the lecturer with a substantial reason (illness etc.) for your absence.

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Sample Seminar Topics

Author-date references will be found in the bibliography below. Any topic connected with Latin America and its international role might be a suitable seminar topic, but approval in writing is required with your lecturer if you are developing an individualized topic. Alternatively, you may choose one of the following topics:

1. Outline U.S.-Brazil relations since the end of the World War II. What tensions exist in this relationship?
2. Is democracy alive and well in Venezuela? Critically discuss, noting events through 2012-nowdays.
3. Outline the progress of the conflict between the Colombian government and revolutionary groups such as the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC). What are the prospects for the future?
4. Outline efforts at cooperation between Mercosur and the European Union. What are the likely benefits of such cooperation?
5. Are problems of governance in Haiti a regional problem? Outline the international implications of Haiti's social and economic problems.
6. 'The problem of poverty in Latin America, taken on average, has not been solved or even seriously reduced over the last decade.' Critically discuss poverty and inequality, distinguishing long and short-term trends in one or more Latin American countries.
7. What problems confront Nicaragua through to 2004-2005 in rebuilding a viable and stable state?
8. Are traditional indigenous cultures of the Americas still viable? Outline the contemporary role and influence of one such culture, e.g. the Maya in Mexico or the Andean cultures of Peru.
9. Has the OAS (Organisation of American States) been effective in promoting and supporting democracy over the last decade?
10. Outline the role of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) in the economy of Argentina. Is a new approach needed for countries such as Argentina?
11. Analyse the pattern of migration across the Mexico-U.S. border. Can this migration be in any real sense 'controlled', especially with increased trade flows since the NAFTA agreement? (Include comment on policies initiated by President Bush in 2004.)
12. What form of government is likely to be established after Fidel Castro is no longer the leader of Cuba? What impact might this have on Cuba's international relations?
13. Has the 'war on terror' influenced Latin America and its relationship with the U.S.? What are the implications of this process for the region?
14. What role should indigenous parties play in Latin American politics? Critically discuss using at least two examples.
15. What benefits do countries such as Mexico, Peru and Chile gain from membership in APEC?
16. Outline the contribution of Afro-Americans in one Latin American country, e.g. Cuba, Brazil or Jamaica. What challenges face these communities today?
17. Outline the Chiapas rebellion and indicate how the rebels have run their international political campaign against the policies of the Mexican government. What are the long term effects of this campaign?
18. Discuss recent political and economic reforms in Peru. Are these reforms likely to be successful?
19. Outline Chile's current foreign policy, indicating its key aims.
20. What are the outstanding legacies of democratic transition from military regimes, e.g. in Argentina, Chile or Brazil? What role should the military play in these countries?
21. What was the legacy of Simón Bolívar? Do his ideas still have influence on Latin America today?

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Sanahuja, José Antonio (2007): "Regionalismo e integración en América Latina: Balance y perspectivas", In: *Pensamiento Iberoamericano*, 2. období (obnovené vydávání časopisu, počítá se od nuly), č. 0, 2007/1, s. 75-106, <<http://www.pensamientoiberoamericano.org/xnumeros/0/pdf/pensamientoiberoamericano-22.pdf>>.
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CNN has special Americas coverage at

<http://www.cnn.com/WORLD/>

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