

Department of Political Science
POLI 423B (003) Latin American Development
2010 Term 2, Monday 9:00 am to 12:00 noon

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Short Course Description: An examination of development experiences in Latin America, from the insertion into the global economy as primary commodity exporters; the adoption of import-substitution industrialization; free trade and neoliberal restructuring; and current efforts by left-wing governments to find alternatives to the Washington Consensus. Contending theoretical perspectives include dependency, modernization, bureaucratic authoritarianism, and comparative political economy. Special attention will be given to efforts to overcome social exclusion.

Prerequisites and/or Course Restrictions: Third year standing.

Course Assignments, Due dates and Grading:

1. Mid-term take-home exam, due Friday, February 12: 30 percent of grade
 2. Response papers (2 pages) and presentations: 10 percent of grade
 3. Term paper (8-10 pages), due Friday, April 2: 30 percent of grade
 4. Final exam (scheduled exam period): 30 percent of grade
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Course Policies:

Attendance: Attendance is expected of students in all their classes.

The University accommodates students with disabilities who have registered with the Disability Resource Centre. The University accommodates students whose religious obligations conflict with attendance, submitting assignments, or completing scheduled tests and examinations. Please let your instructor know in advance if you will require any accommodation on these grounds.

Late assignments: Late penalty for papers submitted after the deadline is 2% per day (including weekends and holidays). Papers more than one week late will not be accepted.

The only exceptions are for students who have a medical, compassionate, or other legitimate reason for being late and can produce supporting documentation. Final papers should be submitted by electronic means to TurnItIn.com where they will be analyzed for plagiarism.

Academic Dishonesty: Please review the UBC Calendar for the university policy on cheating, plagiarism, and other forms of academic dishonesty. Also visit http://www.arts.ubc.ca/Academic_Integrity.89.0.html for useful information on academic integrity. The Library also has a helpful web page on plagiarism. See: <http://www.library.ubc.ca/home/plagiarism/>

Guidelines For Assigning Grades:

80% to 100% (A- to A+)

This grade is reserved for exceptional papers. An exceptional paper must demonstrate strong evidence of original thinking around a clearly articulated thesis; the paper should have a good structure and be well organized; the paper should demonstrate a capacity to analyze and synthesize; it should also demonstrate superior grasp of the subject matter with sound critical evaluations; evidence of extensive knowledge base is expected; clear and effective writing style and appropriate referencing format are also expected.

68% to 79% (B- to B+)

Grades in this range are given for competent papers. A competent paper will have a clear if not original thesis statement and develop the thesis with sound argumentation; a reasonably coherent structure and organization of the material is expected; the paper will show evidence of a good grasp of subject matter; some evidence of critical capacity and analytic ability is expected as well as a reasonable understanding of relevant issues; although a substantial research effort may not have been made, there should be evidence of familiarity with the most relevant literature.

50% to 67% (D to C+)

An adequate paper will be awarded a grade in this range. Such a paper lacks or does not develop a coherent or clear thesis statement, but some effort is made to structure the paper around an argument; nevertheless, there is little attempt to develop or sustain a coherent argument *throughout* the paper; the paper should demonstrate an understanding of the subject matter; it should also show an ability to develop solutions to simple problems in the material; normally, a paper in this range will reflect acceptable but uninspired work; it will not be seriously faulty but will lack style and vigour (especially in argumentation).

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Inadequate paper. This grade is reserved for papers with little or no evidence of understanding of the subject matter; no thesis statement is made; there are weaknesses in critical and analytic skills; major errors are made in discussions of the subject matter; the literature used is limited or irrelevant; or the subject is not on list of paper topics or has not received prior approval by the instructor.

COURSE READINGS

1. January 4. Development in Latin America

Stiglitz, Joseph. 2003. "Towards a New Paradigm of Development," in John H. Dunning, ed. *Making Globalization Good: The Moral Challenges of Global Capitalism*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, pp. 76-107.

2. January 11. Democracy and Dependent Development

Cardoso, Fernando Henrique. 2009. "New Paths: Globalization in Historical Perspective," *Studies in Comparative International Development*, Vol. 44, pp. 296-317.

Evans, Peter. 2009. "From Situations of Dependency to Globalized Social Democracy," *Studies in Comparative International Development*, Vol. 44, pp. 318-336.

3. January 18. Import Substitution Industrialization and the Bureaucratic Authoritarian State

Hirschman, Albert O. 1968. "The Political Economy of Import-Substituting Industrialization in Latin America," *The Quarterly Journal of Economics* Vol. 82, no. 1, pp. 1-32.

O'Donnell, Guillermo. 1978. "Reflections on the Patterns of Change in the Bureaucratic-Authoritarian State," *Latin American Research Review*, Vol. 13, no. 1 pp. 3-38.

4. January 25. Debt Crisis and Democratization

Kahler, Miles. 1985. "The politics of international debt: explaining the crisis," *International Organization* Vol. 39, no. 3, pp. 357-382.

Kaufman, Robert R. 1985. "Democratic and authoritarian responses to the debt issue: Argentina, Brazil, Mexico," *International Organization* Vol. 39, no. 3, pp. 473-503

5. February 1. The State and Structural Adjustment

Fishlow, Albert 1990. "The Latin American State," *Journal of Economic Perspectives*, Vol. 4, no. 3, pp. 61-74.

Evans, Peter. 1989. "Predatory, Developmental and Other State Apparatuses: A comparative political economy perspective on the Third World state," *Sociological Forum*, Vol. 4, no. 4, pp. 561-87.

6. February 8. Latin America in Comparison with Asia

Gereffi, Gary. 1989. "Rethinking Development Theory: Insights from East Asia and Latin America," *Sociological Forum*, Vol. 4, no. 4, pp. 505-33.

Kohli, Atul. 2009. "Nationalist Versus Dependent Capitalist Development: Alternate Pathways of Asia and Latin America in a Globalized World," *Studies in Comparative International Development*, Vol. 44, pp. 386-410.

7. March 1. Development and Democracy

Huber, Evelyne, Dietrich Rueschemeyer and John D. Stephen, 1993. "The Impact of Economic Development on Democracy" *Journal of Economic Perspectives* Vol. 7, no 3, pp 71-85.

United Nations Development Programme, 2004. *Democracy in Latin America: Toward a Citizens' Democracy*. New York: The UNDP, pp. 35-73.

8. March 8. Market Reforms and the Washington Consensus

Williamson, John. 1993. "Democracy and the 'Washington Consensus'" *World Development*, Vol. 21, no. 8, pp. 1329-36.

Krugman, Paul. 2009. *The Return of Depression Economics and the Crisis of 2008*. New York: W.W. Norton & Company, pp. 30-55.

9. March 15. Backlash Against Neoliberalism?

Haarstad, Håvard and Vibeke Andersson. 2009. "Backlash Reconsidered: Neoliberalism and Popular Mobilization in Bolivia," *Latin American Politics and Society*, Vol. 51, no. 4, pp 1-28.

Stahler-Sholk, Richard. 2007. "Resisting Neoliberal Homogenization: The Zapatista Autonomy Movement," *Latin American Perspectives*, Vol. 34, no. 2, pp. 1-16.

10. March 22. Policy Alternatives of Latin America's Left

Reygadas, Luis and Fernando Filgueira. Forthcoming. "Inequality and the Incorporation Crisis: the Left's Social Policy Toolkit," in Cameron and Hershberg, eds. *Latin America's Left Turns: Politics, Policies and Trajectories of Change*. Boulder, Col.: Lynne Rienner Publishers.

Moreno-Brid, Juan Carlos and Igor Paunovic. Forthcoming. "Macroeconomic Policies of the New Left: Rhetoric and Reality" in Cameron and Hershberg, eds. *Latin America's Left Turns*.

Hershberg, Eric. Forthcoming. "Latin America's Left: The Impact of the External Environment" in Cameron and Hershberg, eds. *Latin America's Left Turns*.

11. March 29. Extractive Industries and Social Conflict

Fulmer, Amanda M., Angelina Snodgrass Godoy and Philip Neff, 2008. "Indigenous Rights, Resistance, and the Law: Lessons from a Guatemalan Mine." *Latin American Politics and Society*, Vol. 50, no. 4, pp. 91-121.

De Soto, Hernando. 2009. "The Mystery of Capital Among Amazonian Natives" (video) <http://www.ild.org.pe/>

12. April 12. Canada in the Americas

Shamsie, Yasmine and Ricardo Grinspun, Forthcoming. "Missed Opportunity: Canada's Re-engagement with Latin America and the Caribbean" *Canadian Journal of Latin American and Caribbean Studies*.

NACLA manuscripts.