

“LATIN AMERICA IN THE WORLD”

Summer course at Universidad de Belgrano, Argentina

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Academic Credits: 3 “Latin America in the world” is a three credit course taught in English/Spanish. Total Class hour load at UB: **32 hours** in two weeks; from Mondays to Thursdays. Some classes will take place outside UB’s campus (i.e., Argentine Council for International Affairs–CARI-, and National Congress.)

Academic Program: 3 academic units consists of three parts

1. Political Agenda in Latin America (3 classes)
2. Economic and Trade Agenda in Latin America (3 classes)
3. International Agenda in Latin America (2 classes)

Political Agenda in Latin America (3 classes)

- a) Politics and institutional quality in Latin America.
- b) Neo-liberalism, hyper-presidentialism, frequent crisis in Latin American governments.
- c) Political Representation in Argentina and in Latin America. The new role of women in politics. Minorities and political representation: The case of Bolivia’s Evo Morales.
- d) Crime and security in Latin American. The rise of narco-trafficking related crime.
- e) Regional leaders: Brazil’s new role: President Lula and the PT party; future candidates for the 2010 elections. The rise of Chavism and the role of Venezuela in Latin America: An analysis of the 2008 referendum.

Readings

Frieden, Jeffrey. “Debt, Development and Democracy” Chapters I, II, and III. Princeton University Press, Chapters I, II, and III. 1991.

Dominguez, Jorge I; Shifter, Michael (edit). “Constructing democratic governance in Latin America”, Johns Hopkins University Press, Baltimore, 2003.

Gibson, Edward L. “The Populist Road to Market Reform, Policy and Electoral Coalitions in Mexico and Argentina”, World Politics, 49, 1997.

Huber, Evelyn. “Models of Capitalism: Lessons for Latin America”, Pennsylvania State University Press, University Park Pennsylvania, 2002.

Neff, Jorge. "Demilitarization and Democratic Transition in Latin America" In Halebsky, R. Harris (Cord.), Capital, Power and Inequality in Latin America. Westview Press, Boulder. (1995).

Economic and Trade Agenda in Latin America (3 classes)

- a) New rules in international trade: the Doha Round and the international trade negotiations in Latin America. Major regional blocs in Latin America.
- b) New players in international trade: China. The trade relationship between China and Latin America.
- c) The role of United States in Latin America. Trade Promotion Authority (TPA): An analysis of Free Trade Agreements in the Americas. The role of United States in the world economy. Implications of the US trade deficit for the world economy.
- d) BRIC's countries: opportunities and risks in emerging markets. The case of Brazil: its political and diplomatic role as world player. The Brazilian regional leadership and its presence in international organizations. The South American agenda.

Readings

Devlin, Robert and Zheng Kai "China's Emergence: A Wake up Service for Latin America" paper presentado en la Cumbre G-24, Singapur, Septiembre 13-14, 2006.

Dominguez, Jorge I. "China's relations with Latin America": Shared Gains, Asymmetric Hopes". Interamerican Dialogue, June 2006.

Furlong, Martín. "Seguridad Jurídica: clave para inversiones en países no BRIC". Mimeo 2006.

Marx, Rubén "MERCOSUR: Agenda 2007" en MERCOSUR Fronteras Abiertas, Gloria Mendicoa (comp.), Espacio Editorial, Buenos Aires. 2007.

Marx, Rubén, "Brasil como Actor Global. Implicancias para la estrategia internacional argentina". Revista Digital Política y Diplomacia. Facultad de Estudios para Graduados de la Universidad de Belgrano. Septiembre 2006.

Pereira, Lia Valls, "Relações Comerciais Brasil-China: um parceiro especial?" Cadernos Adenauer, Ano VII No 1, Fundación Konrad Adenauer 2006.

Schott Jeffrey J. "Prospects for Free Trade in the Americas". Institute for International Economics, Washington DC. 2001.

Solis, Mireya "Regionalismo y cooperación internacional - el caso del APEC". Foro Internacional N° 164, México. 2001.

International Agenda in Latin America (2 classes)

- a. The history of foreign policies and international affairs in Latin America.
- b. Pan American Organizations and Summits (OAS; IADB: ECLAC; Río Group; Contadora Group; Summits of the Americas, Defense Cooperation summits, etc)
- c. U.S. & Latin America. Anti-Americanism in Argentina: review and case studies-
- d. New Alliances between Latin America and other emerging economies: China, Russia and India.
- e. New Alliances in Latin America: Are Venezuela, Cuba, Bolivia and Ecuador creating a new continental political and trading bloc?
- f. International security (the region's main countries; the hemispheric relations on security matters.

Readings:

Scott Palmer, David "Terror in the Name of Mao" Revolution and Response in Perú; in Art & Richardson (edit) Democracy and Counterterrorism: Lessons from the past. United States Institute of Peace Press. Washington D.C, 2007.

Waldmann, Peter. "Colombia and the FARC: Failed attempts to Stop Violence and Terrorism in a Weak State" in Art & Richardson (edit) Democracy and Counterterrorism: Lessons from the past. United States Institute of Peace Press. Washington D.C, 2007.

Roberts, Kenneth M. "Repolicizing Latin America: The Revival of Populist and Leftist Alternatives". Woodrow Wilson Center, November 2007.

Buxton, Julia. "Venezuela's Contemporary Political Crisis in Historical Context". Bulletin of Latin America Research, Vol. 24, No 3, pp. 328-347, 2005.