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POLITICS OF LATIN AMERICA

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Books available for purchase in UC Bookstore:

1. Paul Goodwin, ed., *Latin America*. Sluice Dock, Guilford, Conn.: Dushkin Publishing Group, 7th edition, 1996.
2. Sandor Halebsky and Richard Harris, eds., *Capital, Power, and Inequality in Latin America*. Boulder: Westview Press, 1995.
3. Marifeli Pérez-Stable, *The Cuban Revolution: Origins, Course, and Legacy*. Oxford and New York: Oxford University Press, 1993.
4. Cathy Lisa Schneider, *Shantytown Protest in Pinochet's Chile*. Philadelphia: Temple University Press, 1995.

We will also read portions of a book by Thomas Skidmore and Peter Smith. Copies are on reserve at Mansfield Library.

This is an introductory course to Latin American politics. No assumptions are made regarding students' familiarity with Latin America or comparative politics. It does, however, assume a willingness to work hard to understand the histories of several Latin American countries, and a host of contemporary issues.

Grading:

Exam #1	20%
Exam #2	40%
Class participation, debates, written assignments, quizzes	40%

A NOTE ON PARTICIPATION GRADE: Students are required to come to class having read the material assigned for that day. The professor reserves the option to ask questions of students, give pop quizzes, and any other means necessary to ensure that students come prepared to engage in class discussion. All students will be required to help facilitate at least one class meeting during Section 2 of the course. Students will also be required to come to each class meeting during Section 2 with a TYPED question or comment for each of the two chapters assigned for that day. Additional written assignments may be assigned over the course of the semester.

It may well be necessary, from time to time, to rearrange assignments or alter the schedule. Any changes in scheduling will be announced in class. If you miss class, you are responsible for checking with another student for lecture notes and any announcements that may have been made regarding scheduling or assignments. If you must be absent more than a few times during the semester or come late to class, please explain the situation to me in person or by phone. Reasonable explanations accepted. Failing to explain excessive absence or tardiness will result in a lowering of your grade.

READING ASSIGNMENTS

Section 1: Introduction

September 5 Goodman, pp. viii-7 and 140-155 and Skidmore and Smith, pp. 3-13
 September 10 Goodman, pp. 8-17 and 155-180
 September 12 Goodman, pp. 18-48 (student presentations)
 September 17 Goodman, pp. 180-196 and Skidmore and Smith, pp. 14-42
 September 19 Goodman, pp. 49-99 (student presentations)
 September 24 Goodman, pp. 197-222 and Skidmore and Smith, pp. 43-67
 September 26 Goodman, pp. 100-135 (student presentations)
 October 1 Goodman, pp. 223-235

October 3 **EXAM 1**

October 8 Halebsky & Harris, chapter 1

Section 2: Student Presentations

October 10 Halebsky & Harris, chapters 2 and 3
 October 15 Halebsky & Harris, chapters 4 and 5
 October 17 Halebsky & Harris, chapters 6 and 7
 October 22 Halebsky & Harris, chapters 8 and 9
 October 24 Halebsky & Harris, chapters 10 and 11

October 29 Pérez-Stable, introduction and chapter 1

October 31 Pérez-Stable, chapter 2

Section 3: Case Studies (Cuba and Chile)

November 5 Holiday
 November 7 Pérez-Stable, chapters 3 and 4
 November 12 Pérez-Stable, chapters 5 and 6
 November 14 Pérez-Stable, chapters 7 and conclusion
 November 19 discussion of recent events in Cuba (readings to be announced)

November 21 Schneider, preface and chapter 1
 November 26 Schneider, chapter 2
 November 28 Holiday
 December 3 Schneider, chapter 3
 December 5 Schneider, chapter 4
 December 10 Schneider, chapters 5 and 6
 December 12 exam workshop and review day

EXAM 2 **Wednesday December 18, 3:20-5:20**