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## POLITICS OF MEXICO

Instructor: Professor Paul Haber  
University of Montana  
Political Science Department, course #327  
Spring 1995  
Meets: TR 9:40am - 11:00am

Required texts available for purchase in UC Bookstore:

1. Héctor Aguilar Camín and Lorenzo Meyer, *In the Shadow of the Mexican Revolution: Contemporary Mexican History, 1910-1989*. University of Texas Press, 1994.
2. Miguel Ángel Centeno, *Democracy Within Reason: Technocratic Revolution in Mexico*. Penn State Press, 1994.
3. Maria Cook, Kevin Middlebrook and Juan Molinar, eds., *The Politics of Economic Restructuring: State-Society Relations and Regime Change in Mexico*. La Jolla: Center for U.S.-Mexican Studies, 1994.
4. Tom Barry, *Zapata's Revenge: Free Trade and the Farm Crisis in Mexico*. Interhemispheric Resource Center and South End Press, April 1995.
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Optional text available for purchase in US Bookstore:

1. Judith Adler Hellman, *Mexican Lives*. New York: Free Press, 1994.

This is a course on the politics of contemporary Mexico, from the Revolution of 1910-1917 to the present. Your grade will be based primarily on a mid-term (40% of total grade), class attendance and participation (20%), and a final exam (40%). Students are required to read all assigned readings on time, and to come to class prepared to discuss them. It is not sufficient to read the material quickly right before class. All assigned readings must be read carefully and analytically *before* the class listed below for discussion. Students will have an opportunity to either lower or improve their grade through class attendance and participation. Plan to arrive to class on time. If you are absent more than a few times during the semester, be sure to let me know what is going on. Exams will refer to both the readings and class discussions.

It may become necessary, over the course of the class, 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.



## **READING ASSIGNMENTS**

### **Section 1: Historical and Contemporary Introduction**

FEBRUARY 1 Aguilar Camín and Meyer, chapter 1  
FEBRUARY 6 Aguilar Camín and Meyer, chapter 2  
FEBRUARY 8 Aguilar Camín and Meyer, chapter 3  
FEBRUARY 13 Aguilar Camín and Meyer, chapter 4  
FEBRUARY 15 Aguilar Camín and Meyer, chapter 5  
FEBRUARY 20 Aguilar Camín and Meyer, chapter 6 and 7  
FEBRUARY 22 Centeno, Introduction  
FEBRUARY 27 Centeno, Institutions  
FEBRUARY 29 Centeno, Elites  
MARCH 5 Centeno, Ideology and Conclusion  
  
MARCH 7 Mid-term Workshop  
MARCH 12 **Mid-term exam**  
  
MARCH 14 Cook, Forwards and Introduction

### **Section 2: Student Presentations**

MARCH 19 Cook, chapters 2 and 3  
MARCH 21 Cook, chapters 4 and 5  
MARCH 26 Cook, chapters 6 and 7  
MARCH 28 Dresser I and Klesner (fac pac)  
APRIL 2 Cook, chapters 8 and 9  
APRIL 4 Cook, chapters 10 and 11  
APRIL 16 Dresser II and Fox (fac pac)  
APRIL 18 Stern, Williams, and Pezzoli (fac pac)  
APRIL 23 Cook, chapters 12 and 13

### **Section 3: The Politics of Free Trade**

APRIL 25 Barry, Introduction and chapters 1 and 2  
APRIL 30 Barry, chapters 3-5  
MAY 2 Barry, chapters 6-8  
MAY 7 Barry, chapters 9 and 10  
MAY 9 Barry, chapter 11 and Conclusion

**Final** May 16 8:00-10:00