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POLITICS OF MEXICO

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Required texts available for purchase in UC Bookstore:

Roderic Camp. *Politics of Mexico: The Decline of Authoritarianism*. Oxford University Press, Third Edition, 1999.

Wayne Cornelius, Todd Eisenstadt, and Jane Hindley, editors. *Subnational Politics and Democratization in Mexico*. Center for U.S.-Mexican Studies, University of California, San Diego, 1999.

Guillermo Bonfil Batalla. *México Profundo: Reclaiming A Civilization*. University of Texas Press, 1996.

Matthew Gutmann. *The Meanings of Macho: Being a Man in Mexico City*. University of California Press, 1996.

Your grade will be based on three exams (each exam is 1/4 of total grade) and class attendance, in-class assignments, and participation (1/4). Students are required to read all assigned readings before the class in which they will be discussed. Coming to class prepared means having read the material carefully and thoughtfully. It means coming to class each day prepared to participate by offering interpretations or questions concerning the readings' main arguments. Students may miss three classes without explanation. After that, students must bring a typed statement explaining their absence (calling me on the phone is neither sufficient nor necessary). Make a serious effort to get to class on time. If you have a good reason for being late, convey it to me after class. If you come in late, even if you do not have a good reason, make sure you check with me after class so that I can mark you late instead of being absent.

Some recommended readings:

Neil Harvey. *The Chiapas Rebellion: The Struggle for Land and Democracy*. Duke University Press, 1998.

Jeffrey Rubin. *Decentering the Regime: Ethnicity, Radicalism, and Democracy in Juchitán, Mexico*. Duke University Press, 1997.

Miguel Angel Centeno. *Democracy Within Reason: Technocratic Revolution in Mexico*. Penn State Press, Second Edition, 1997.

Peri Fletcher. *Casa de mis Suenos: Consumption and Identity in a Mexican Village*. Westview, April 1999

Diane Davis. *Urban Leviathan: Mexico City in the 20th Century*. Temple University Press, 1994.

Sergio Aguayo Quezada. *Myths and [Mis]Perceptions: Changing US Elite Visions of Mexico*. Center for U.S.-Mexican Studies, 1998.

Sergio Aguayo Quezada, "Electoral Observations and Democracy in Mexico" in Kevin Middlebrook, ed. *Electoral Observation and Democratic Transitions in Latin America*. Center for US/Mexican Studies, 1998.

John Bailey and Sergio Aguayo Quezada, eds. *Strategy and Security in U.S.-Mexican Relations Beyond the Cold War*. Center for U.S.-Mexican Studies, 1996.

Victoria Rodríguez. *The Emerging Role of Women in Mexican Political Life*. Westview Press, 1998.

Heather Fowler – Salamini and Mary Kay Vaughan, eds. *Women of the Mexican Countryside, 1850-1990*. University of Arizona Press, 1994.

Edward McCaughan. *Reinventing Revolution: The Renovation of Left Discourse in Cuba and Mexico*. Westview Press, paperback edition, 1998.

Ramon Eduardo Ruiz. *On the Rim of Mexico: Where Rich and Poor Rendezvous*. Westview Press, August 1998.

Wayne Cornelius and David Myhre, eds. *The Transformation of Rural Mexico: Reforming the Ejido Sector*. Center for US-Mexican Studies, 1998.

Carol Wise, ed., *The Post-NAFTA Political Economy*. Penn State Press, September 1998.

J. Nash and C. Kovic. "The Reconstitution of Hegemony: The Free Trade Act and the Transformation of Rural Mexico" in James Mittelman, ed. *Globalization: Critical Reflections*. Lynne Rienner, 1996.

Marcelo Suárez-Orozco, ed. *Crossings: Mexican Immigration in Interdisciplinary Perspectives*. David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies, Harvard University, 1998.

David Spener and Kathleen Staudt, eds. *The US-Mexican Border: Transcending Divisions, Contesting Identities*. Lynne Rienner, 1998.

Matthew Gutmann. *The Meanings of Macho: Being a Man in Mexico City*. University of California Press, 1996.

Langewiesche, William. 1998. Invisible Men. *The New Yorker*, February 23-March 2 v74, p138-146

Martinez, Buben. 1997. Beyond Borders: Culture, Movement, and Bedlam on Both Sides of the Rio Grande. *Report on the Americas*. Jan/Feb vXXX n4 p36(4). NACLA.

National Geographic, Special Issue, *Emerging Mexico*. August 1996

Hector Aguilar Camín and Lorenzo Meyer. *In the Shadow of the Mexican Revolution: Contemporary Mexican History, 1910-1989*. University of Texas Press, 1994.

Roderic Camp. *Politics in Mexico*. Oxford University Press, 2nd edition, 1996.

Stephen Morris. *Political Reformism in Mexico: An Overview of Contemporary Mexican Politics*. Lynne Rienner, 1995.

Jorge Domínguez and James McCann. *Democratizing Mexico: Public Opinion and Electoral Choices*. Johns Hopkins University Press, 1996.

Tom Barry. *Crossing the Line: Immigrants, Economic Integration, and Drug Enforcement on the U.S.-Mexico Border*. Interhemispheric Resource Center Press, 1994.

Tom Barry. *Zapata's Revenge: Free Trade and the Farm Crisis in Mexico*. South End Press, 1995.

Richard Rodríguez. *Days of Obligation: An Argument with My Mexican Father*. Penguin Books, 1992.

Judith Hellman. *Mexican Lives*. The New Press, 1994.

Maria Lorena Cook. *Organizing Dissent: Unions, the State, and the Democratic Teacher's Movement in Mexico*. Penn State Press, 1996.

Jorge Castañeda. *The Mexican Shock*. The New Press, 1995.

Gerardo Otero, ed. *Neoliberalism Revisited*. Westview, 1996.

Wayne Cornelius and David Myhre, eds. *The Transformation of Rural Mexico*. Center for U.S.-Mexican Studies, 1998.

READING ASSIGNMENTS AND THER IMPORTANT NEWS

- February 1 Camp, chapters one and two
- February 6 Bonfil Batalla, Forward, Introduction, and Part 1 (Watch film with Voekal's class)
- February 8 Camp, chapters three and four
- February 13 Camp, chapters five and six
- February 15 Camp, chapters seven and eight
- February 20 Camp, chapters nine and ten.
- February 22 Exam workshop
- February 27 Exam #1
- March 1 Cornelius, Eisenstadt and Hindley, chapters 1 and 2
- March 6 Cornelius, Eisenstadt and Hindley, chapters 3 and 4
- March 8 Cornelius, Eisenstadt and Hindley, chapters 5 and 6
- March 13 Bonfil Batalla, Part 2 (Combine forces with Voekal's class)
- March 15 Cornelius, Eisenstadt and Hindley, chapters 7 and 8
- March 27 Cornelius, Eisenstadt and Hindley, chapters 9 and 10
- March 29 Cornelius, Eisenstadt and Hindley, chapters 11 and 12
- April 3 Cornelius, Eisenstadt and Hindley, chapters 13 and 14
- April 5 Exam workshop
- April 10 Exam #2
- April 12 Gutmann, Introduction and chapters 1 and 2
- April 17 Gutmann, chapters 3 and 4
- April 19 Gutmann, chapters 5 and 6
- April 24 Gutmann, chapters 7 and 8
- April 26 Gutmann, chapters 9 and 10
- May 1 To be announced
- May 3 Bonfil Batalla, Part 3 (Combine forces again with Voekal's class)
- May 8 Exam workshop
- May 10 Exam #3