PSC 327.01: Politics of Mexico

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POLITICS OF MEXICO

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Required texts available for purchase in UC Bookstore:


Required readings to be found on reserve at Mansfield Library:


Your grade will be based on one in-class exam (1/4 of total grade), one paper (1/4 of the total grade), short assignments given in association with the last book (1/4 of total grade) and overall class attendance, in-class assignments, and participation (1/4 of total grade). The exam will require students to write a series answer a series of short essay questions after the first book that we read. The paper will require students to write on the broad subject of the contemporary Mexican political economy, its impact on society, and challenges to it. 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.

READING ASSIGNMENTS AND THEIR IMPORTANT NEWS

January 31 Levy and Bruhn, Forward and Chapter 1
February 5 Levy and Bruhn, Chapter 2
February 7 Levy and Bruhn, Chapter 3
February 12 Levy and Bruhn, Chapter 4
February 14 Levy and Bruhn, Chapter 5
February 19 Levy and Bruhn, Chapter 6
February 21 Levy and Bruhn, Chapter 7
February 26 Levy and Bruhn, Chapter 7 and 8
February 28 Exam workshop
March 5 Exam #1
March 7 LAP, Issue 118, Introduction and articles by Cypher and Basave Kunhardt.
March 12 Articles by Cooney and Kelly
March 14 To be announced
March 26 Articles by Soederberg and Morris/Passé-Smith
March 28 LAP, Issue 119, Introduction and articles by Gilbreth/Otero and Williams
April 2 Articles by Roman/Velasco Arregui and González de la Rocha
April 4 Articles by Malkin and Vadi
April 9 To be announced
April 11 To be announced
April 16 Paper writing workshop
April 18 Paper due

April 23 Quinones, Introduction and Chapters 1-2
April 25 Quinones, Chapters 3-5
April 30 Quinones, Chapters 6-9
May 2 Quinones, Chapters 9-12
May 7 Quinones, Chapters 13-15
May 9 Afterword, Appendix and Acknowledgements

Some recommended readings:


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


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


