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POLITICS OF MEXICO

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Political Science Department, course #327

Spring 2002

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Required texts available for purchase in UC Bookstore:

Daniel Levy and Kathleen Bruhn with Emilio Zebadúa. *Mexico: The Struggle for Democratic Development*. University of California Press, 2001.

Sam Quinones. *True Tales From Another Mexico: The Lynch Mob, the Popsicle Kings, Chalino, and the Bronx*. Albuquerque: University of New Mexico Press, 2001.

Required readings to be found on reserve at Mansfield Library:

Latin American Perspectives, Issue 118, Sage Publications, May 2001.

Latin American Perspectives, Issue 119, Sage Publications, July 2001.

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 THER 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:

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.

Altha J. Cravey. *Women and Work in Mexico's Maquiladors*. Rowman and Littlefield Publishers, 1998.

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, 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 Camin 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 Dominguez 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 Rodriguez. *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.