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## POLITICS OF MEXICO

Instructor: Professor Paul Haber 243-4862  
Political Science Department, course #327  
Summer 1997  
Meets: MTWRF 10:50 - 12:20  
Office Hours: LA 355 MTWR 12:30-1:00

### Required texts available for purchase in UC Bookstore:

Judith Adler Hellman, *Mexico in Crisis*. Holmes & Meier, second edition, 1988.

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

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

### Some recommended readings:

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

Héctor 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.

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.

Miguel Angel Centeno, *Democracy Within Reason: Technocratic Revolution in Mexico*. Penn State Press, 1994.

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

Paul Haber, ed., "Mexico Press Clips and Zine Article Summaries," volumes I through V (available on reserve at Mansfield Library).

Your grade will be based on two exams (combined for 1/2 of total grade), class attendance, in-class assignments, and participation (1/4), and a class facilitation (1/4). Students are required to read all assigned readings on time, and to come to class prepared to discuss them. All assigned readings must be read carefully and analytically *before* the class listed below for discussion. Students may miss three classes without explanation. After that, students must bring a typed statement explaining their absence. 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.

Each student will be responsible for preparing a class facilitation for one of the chapters in the Otero reading. Students will be required to do outside reading, and to integrate this additional research into the class facilitation. Students may opt to team up with another person. Depending on class size, it may be necessary for some students to team up even if that is not your first option. Facilitators are required to hand out, at least one class prior to the facilitation, a set of questions that the class should keep in mind while doing the assigned reading. These questions should serve as the focus of the class facilitation.

Facilitators will hand in a typed, two to three page annotated bibliography on the outside readings. This is due on the day of the facilitation. The annotation should first summarize each reading's main arguments and methodology and then evaluate its strengths and/or weaknesses. While there is not a required number of outside readings, students should expect to refer at least three articles or one book.

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 AND PROJECT ASSIGNMENTS

July 1	Adler Hellman, pp. 3-57
July 2	Adler Hellman, pp. 59-102
July 3	Adler Hellman, pp. 103-124 (Migration film)
July 7	Adler Hellman, pp. 125-172
July 8	Adler Hellman, pp. 173-215 (Boom and Bust film)
July 9	Adler Hellman, pp. 217-269
July 10	Castañeda, pp. 1-46
July 11	Castañeda, pp. 47-78 & "NAFTA Readings" on reserve
July 14	"Chiapas Readings" on reserve (Chiapas film)
July 15	Castañeda, pp. 79-100 & Harvey in Otero, pp. 187-208
July 16	exam workshop
July 17	exam #1
July 18	"Economic Alternatives" on reserve
July 21	Castañeda, pp. 101-161
July 22	Castañeda, pp. 163-207 (Salinas film)
July 23	Castañeda, pp. 211-269
July 24	Otero, chaps. 1 and 2
July 25	Otero, chaps. 3 and 5
July 28	Otero, chaps. 6 and 9
July 29	Otero, chaps. 7 and 8
July 30	Otero, chaps. 11 and 12
July 31	exam workshop
August 1	exam #2