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POLITICS OF MEXICO

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Political Science Department, course #327
Spring 1997
Meets: TR 9:40am - 11:00am
Office Hours: LA 355 TR 3:30-5:00

Required texts available for purchase in UC Bookstore:

Wayne Cornelius, *Mexican Politics in Transition*. Center for U.S.-Mexican Studies, University of California at San Diego, 1996.

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

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

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.

Judith Hellman, *Mexico in Crisis*. Holmes and Meier, 2nd edition, 1988

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, "Mexico Press Clips and Zine Article Summaries," volumes I, II, and III (available on reserve at Mansfield Library).

Your grade will be based on two exams (1/2 of total grade), class attendance, in-class assignments, and participation (1/4), and a group project (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.

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

JANUARY 30	Cornelius, pp. 1-24
FEBRUARY 4	Cornelius, pp. 25-75
FEBRUARY 6	Cornelius, pp. 76-119
FEBRUARY 11	Castañeda, pp. 1-61
FEBRUARY 13	Group Project "Brain Storm" day
FEBRUARY 18	Castañeda, pp. 65-111
FEBRUARY 20	Castañeda, pp. 113-161
MARCH 4	Castañeda, pp. 163-207
MARCH 6	Castañeda, pp. 211-269
MARCH 11	exam workshop
MARCH 13	EXAM #1
MARCH 25	Group Project "get it down" day
MARCH 27	Otero, chaps. 1 and 2
APRIL 1	Otero, chaps. 3 and 4
APRIL 3	Otero, chaps. 5 and 6
APRIL 8	Otero, chaps. 7 and 8
APRIL 10	exam workshop
APRIL 15	Chiapas
APRIL 17	Otero, chaps. 9 and 10 (professor probably absent)
APRIL 22	Otero, chaps. 11 and 12 (professor probably absent)
APRIL 24	EXAM #2 (professor will probably be absent)
APRIL 29	National Economic Performance: 1996-97
MAY 1	U.S.-Mexican Relations: Migration and the Border
MAY 6	U.S.-Mexican Relations: Trade, Debt, and Investment
MAY 8	Mexican Politics: 1996-97

May 12 8:40am - 10:00am A Regional Contrast (if needed)