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INTER-AMERICAN RELATIONS

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Political Science Department, course #430
Spring 1997
Meets: TR 2:10 - 3:30
Office Hours: LA 355 TR 3:30-5:00

Required texts available for purchase in UC Bookstore:

1. Peter Smith, *Talons of the Eagle*. Oxford University Press, 1996.
2. Walter La Feber, *Inevitable Revolutions: The United States in Central America*. W.W. Norton, 1993. Second Edition
3. Eldon Kenworthy, *America/Américas: Myth in the Making of U.S. Policy Toward Latin America*. Penn State Press, 1995.

This is a 400 level advanced seminar course. It is not a lecture course in which students come to class, take notes, and report back objectively correct answers on exams. I expect students to read all of the assigned readings carefully, analytically, and on time - so as to be prepared to critically discuss the material in class. While no prior background in Theories of International Relations, U.S. Foreign Policy, or Latin American Politics is required, those students who have no such background might want to do some additional background reading and/or watch the ten part video series, *Americas*, available at IMS.

The course will be run as a seminar. Students will be required to serve as class facilitators on at least two occasions - one from Section II and one from section III. Facilitators will be responsible to hand out, one class prior to "their" class a set of questions and/or issues for discussion that will serve as the focus of class discussion. During Section III, students must also select readings, and put those readings on reserve well in advance. Readings should be around 50 pages. In addition, facilitators will be required to bring to class a typed and edited statement (five to ten pages) in which you not only answer your own questions but offer rational for why you selected the particular set of questions. Facilitators are strongly encouraged to read additional material and to weave this material into their facilitations and written statements. Students must have their facilitations in Section III approved by the professor no later than April 1. Approvals must be done in person, during office hours or by appointment.

Students will be required to come to class having read all the material carefully, and prepared to respond to each of the questions and issues. Facilitators, or myself, will have the option of asking students to answer any of the prepared questions.

Your grade will be based on class attendance and participation (1/3 of total grade), class facilitations (1/3) and papers (1/3).

Section I: Introduction to U.S. - Latin American Relations

JANUARY 30 Smith, pp. 3-64
 FEBRUARY 4 Smith, pp. 65-114
 FEBRUARY 6 Smith, pp. 117-162
 FEBRUARY 11 Smith, pp. 163-214
 FEBRUARY 13 Smith, pp. 217-262
 FEBRUARY 18 Smith, pp. 263-336

Section II: Focus on U.S. - Central American Relations

FEBRUARY 20 La Feber, pp. 5-85
 MARCH 4 La Feber, pp. 87-145
 MARCH 6 La Feber, pp. 147-196
 MARCH 11 La Feber, pp. 197-225
 MARCH 13 La Feber, pp. 225-270
 MARCH 25 La Feber, pp. 271-323
 MARCH 27 La Feber, pp. 325-368
 APRIL 1 Kenworthy, intro and chapters one, two and three
 APRIL 3 Kenworthy, chapters four and five
 APRIL 8 Kenworthy, chapters six, seven, eight, and appendix

Section III: (what we make it)

APRIL 10

APRIL 15

APRIL 17 (professor will probably be absent)

APRIL 22 (professor will probably be absent)

APRIL 24 (professor will probably be absent)

APRIL 29

MAY 1

MAY 6

MAY 8