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POLITICS OF MEXICO

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Political Science Department, course #327

Summer 1998

Meets: MTWRF 9:10 -10:40

Office Hours: LA 355 MTRF 10:40-11:00

Required texts available for purchase in UC Bookstore:

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

Susan Kaufman Purcell & Luis Rubio, eds., *Mexico Under Zedillo*. Lynne Rienner, 1998.

Some recommended readings:

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.

facilitation. All groups must have their questions and readings approved by the professor before putting them on reserve. Students have until June 3rd to choose a date and topic. I will assign students that have not signed up by that date.

Facilitators will hand in a typed, 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. Students should expect to refer *at least* three articles of substance or one book. By articles of substance I am referring to scholarly articles, not news report articles such as are found in journals such as Time, Newsweek, The Economist, and newspapers. It is fine to include these in addition to more scholarly articles. While there is no required length for each annotation, it is unlikely that a good job could be done in less than one typed page per article. In most cases, the annotation will count for half of the group project grade.

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

- May 27 Adler Hellman, pp. 3-57
- May 28 Adler Hellman, pp. 59-102
- May 29 Adler Hellman, pp. 103-124 (Migration film)
- June 1 Adler Hellman, pp. 125-172
- June 2 Adler Hellman, pp. 173-215 (Boom and Bust film)
- June 3 Adler Hellman, pp. 217-269 **Last date to pick project topic.**
- June 4 ISI and Neoliberalism (on reserve)
- June 5 Library Research Day (I will arrange to have a special class given at the library on data bases.)
- June 8 Centeno, preface and chapters 1 & 2 (on reserve)
- June 9 Centeno, chapters 3 & 4 (on reserve)

- June 10 exam #1 workshop
- June 11 exam #1

- June 12 Kaufman Purcell and Rubio, Introduction and Chapter 1
- June 15 Kaufman Purcell and Rubio, Chapter 2 and Castañeda I (on reserve)
- June 16 Barkin and Castañeda II (on reserve)
- June 17 Kaufman Purcell and Rubio, Chapter 3
- June 18 Kaufman Purcell and Rubio, Chapter 4 and Ian Robinson (on reserve)

- June 19 Group Project #1
- June 22 Book Reviews Due (Neoliberalism film)
- June 23 Group Project #2
- June 24 Group Project #3
- June 25 Group Project #4
- June 26 Group Project #5