



CPO 4303-Politics of South America

Fall 2016

MARC 125

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NB: This syllabus and schedule are subject to change at any time. If changes occur, I will change the syllabus on Canvas and announce it in class.

Course Description and Learning Outcomes

Welcome to Politics of South America! This senior-level course is designed for students who have previously taken lower-level courses on Latin American and comparative politics. The proximate goal of the course is to understand the historical and contemporary dynamics of South America as a region and gain in-depth knowledge of certain individual countries. To achieve that goal, I organized the course in three separate but interrelated parts.

The first part of the class will provide a regional perspective on the historical and contemporary themes regarding South American politics including military rule, democratic transition, populism, resource curse, and citizen security. In the second part of the class, we will exclusively focus on the domestic politics of Venezuela, Ecuador, and Bolivia from the Andes. In the third part, we will examine Brazil, Argentina, and Chile from the Southern Cone. By the end of the course, you will have the analytical skills to evaluate and produce scholarly knowledge about the region and these individual countries.

Grades

Participation (20%)

Throughout the semester, you will take part in several individual and group exercises. If you are not present in class, obviously you will not be able to participate them. While in class, I expect you to contribute to the discussions by engaging with your peers and myself. If you come to class prepared and give your full attention to our class activities, you should all get full credit very easily. I will post your weekly participation grade on Canvas.

Exam I (15%)

On October 4, 2016 from 5.00 to 6.15 p.m.

The first exam will cover the main themes of South American politics. It will consist of short answer questions on those themes. I will administer the exam during our class time.

Exam II (15%)

By 7.00 p.m. on November 6, 2016.

The second exam will cover the Andean region. You will answer two essay questions on Venezuela, Ecuador, and Bolivia. I will send you the questions after completing the review on November 3 and you will submit your essays via Turnitin.

Exam III (15%)

By 7.00 p.m. on December 6, 2016.

The third exam will cover the Southern Cone. You will answer two essay questions on Brazil, Argentina, and Chile. I will send you the questions after completing the review on December 1 and you will submit your essays via Turnitin.

Research Paper (35%)

First draft (5%) due by 5.00 p.m. on November 1, 2016.

Second draft (5%) due by 5.00 p.m. on November 11, 2016.

Peer review (5%) due by 5.00 p.m. on November 15, 2016.

Final draft due (20%) by 7.00 p.m. on December 3, 2016.

Building on our discussions on the region and country case-studies, you need to choose two countries from South America and compare them along one of the main themes of the course. For the paper assignment, I ask you to do research on the scholarly literature pertaining your topic and cite them properly. I highly suggest you start thinking about the paper early and consult me on possible paper topics through email or during my office hours. For the paper, you will go through a multi-draft writing process. That means, you will submit two drafts before submitting the final version. In this process, you will receive feedback from me as well as your peers. The final draft will be within the range of 2500 words. For a detailed assignment sheet, please refer to our Canvas page.

Late Submissions

Should you decide to submit a major assignment late, I will deduct ten points per day from your final score. In case of emergency, with proper documentation, I will not deduct any points. I also reserve the right to evaluate cases on an *ad hoc* basis. The key is communicating with me and being honest.

Objection Policy

If you believe that the grade you received from an exam or paper is inappropriate, you need to provide a written statement to me. I will consider your appeal and make a final decision.

Grading Scale

100-93 (A)	69-67 (D+)
92-90 (A-)	66-63 (D)
89-87 (B+)	62-60 (D-)
86-83 (B)	59-0 (F)
82-80 (B-)	
79-77 (C+)	
76-70 (C)	

Extra Credit Policy

Finally, there is a chance for an extra credit assignment which is worth 2 percent of your overall grade. You need to write a 2-page paper on one of the following movies and documentaries below from the perspective of our class discussions and readings. In other words, I am not expecting a summary but an informed analysis and personal reflection.

The paper is due by December 9, 2016 at 7.00 pm. You will submit your paper via Turnitin. You can find further instructions on Canvas.

- The Official Story (1985)
- Salvador Allende (2004)
- Machuca (2004)
- Our Brand is Crisis (2005)
- Cocalero (2007)
- Even the Rain (2010)
- The Revolution Will Not Be Televised (2003)
- South of the Border (2009)
- City of God (2002)
- The Clan (2015)
- The Liberator (2013)
- The Fall of Fujimori (2005)
- State of Fear (2005)
- Narcos (2015)
- The Death of Jaime Roldós (2013)
- No (2012)

Academic Dishonesty

When you started college, you became a part of a learning community. Going to college is an important experience in one's life. Writing and rhetoric convey power to you and with this power, you have a responsibility to our community. To put it in simple terms, I ask that you be honest with yourself and others. If you find something online that you would like to use in your own work, you need to cite it even if you paraphrase. You owe it to the author who inspired your writing and to those that will read your work. Plagiarism is a form of academic misconduct and it may result in your expulsion from FIU. We all would like to avoid such unpleasant experience. For more information, please review [FIU's policy](#) of academic integrity.

Special Accommodations

If you have special needs as addressed by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and need assistance, notify the Disability Resource Center (GC 190, 348-3532) and me immediately. Reasonable efforts will be made to accommodate your needs.

Class Norms

This class is scheduled from 5.00 p.m. until 6.15 p.m. We will begin promptly and will generally go for the entire 75 minutes. I expect you to be in your seats and ready to begin at 5.00 p.m., and to give me your undivided attention. If you need to leave early for a reason, make sure you notify me about your excuse.

Laptops, tablet computers, and smart phones are allowed in this class as long as they are used for learning purposes. Feel free to take notes or google any name/term which is mentioned in class that you might not be familiar with. Please do not check your emails and social media sites during the class.

Readings

- Jorge I. Domínguez and Michael Shifter (editors), *Constructing Democratic Governance in Latin America 4th Edition*, The Johns Hopkins University Press, ISBN: 1421409798. Chapters from the book are listed as (DS).
- Michael L. Conniff (editor), *Populism in Latin America 2nd Edition*, The University of Alabama Press. ISBN: 0817357092. Chapters from the book are listed as (MC).
- More readings are available on our course's Canvas site (<http://online.fiu.edu/login>).
- If you feel you need additional sources to succeed in this course, I would recommend the following books: Thomas E. Skidmore, Peter H. Smith, James N. Green, *Modern Latin America 8th edition*, Oxford University Press, ISBN: 0199929238; Steven Levitsky and Kenneth Roberts (editors), *The Resurgence of the Latin American Left*, The Johns Hopkins University Press, ISBN: 142140110X; Carlos de la Torre and Cynthia Arnson (editors), *Latin American Populism in the Twenty-First Century*, The Johns Hopkins University Press, ISBN: 9781421410098.

Part I-Main Themes in South American Politics

August 23, 2016-First Day

- Getting to know each other
- Introducing our Canvas page

August 25, 2016-South America's Past, Present, and Future

- Going over the syllabus
- Mainwaring, Scott and Pérez-Liñan, Aníbal. "Cross-Currents in Latin America" (Canvas).

August 30, 2016-Populism

- Conniff, Michael L. "Introduction" (MC).

NO CLASS-September 1, 2016

September 6, 2016- Military Rule and Democratic Transition

- Huntington, Samuel. "The Third Wave" (Canvas).

September 8, 2016- Delegative Democracies

- O'Donnell, Guillermo. "Delegative Democracy" (Canvas).

September 13, 2016-Political Parties

- Mainwaring, Scott and Scully, Timothy. "Building Democratic Institutions: Party Systems in Latin America" (Canvas).

September 15, 2016-Competitive Authoritarianism

- Levitsky, Steven and Loxton, James. "Competitive Authoritarianism in the Andes" (Canvas).

September 20, 2016-Resource Curse

- Mazzuca, Sebastián. "Natural Resources Boom and Institutional Curses in the New Political Economy of South America" (DS).

September 22, 2016-Citizen Security

- Dammert, Lucía. "Security Challenges for Latin American Democratic Governance" (DS).

September 27, 2016-Event at GC 243

- “Back to the Dark Side? The Recent Challenges to Democracy in Latin America” organized by the Kimberly Green Latin American and Caribbean Center.

September 29, 2016-Review of the Main Themes

- Domínguez, Jorge I. “Conclusion: Early Twenty-First Century Democratic Governance in Latin America” (DS).

EXAM I- October 4, 2016

5.00-6.15 p.m.

NO CLASS-October 6, 2016

Part II-The Andean Region

October 11 and 13, 2016-Venezuela

- Ellner, Steve, “The Heyday of Radical Populism in Venezuela and Its Reappearance” (MC).
- Álvarez, Ángel E., “Venezuela: Political Governance and Regime Change” (DS).
- Alarcón, Benigno, Álvarez, Ángel E. and Hidalgo, Manuel, “Latin America’s New Turbulence: Can Democracy Win in Venezuela?” (Canvas).
- Recent news article on Venezuela, TBA.

October 18 and 20, 2016-Ecuador

- Sosa, Ximena. “Populism in Ecuador: From José M. Velasco Ibarra to Rafael Correa” (MC).
- Conaghan, Catherine and de la Torre, Carlos. “The Permanent Campaign of Rafael Correa: Making Ecuador’s Plebiscitary Presidency” (Canvas)
- de la Torre, Carlos and Lemos, Andrés Ortiz. “Populist Polarization and the Slow Death of Democracy in Ecuador” (Canvas)
- Recent news article on Ecuador, TBA.

October 25 and 27 2016-Bolivia

- Barr, Robert. “Bolivia: Another Uncompleted Revolution” (Canvas).
- Madrid, Raúl. “Origins and Policies of the Movimiento al Socialismo” (Canvas).
- Molina, George Gray. “Bolivia: Keeping the Coalition Together” (DS).
- Recent news article on Bolivia, TBA

FIRST DRAFT OF THE PAPER DUE-November 1, 2016

5.00 p.m.

November 3, 2016-Review of the Andean Region

- No reading.

EXAM II DUE- November 6, 2016

7.00 p.m.

Part III-The Southern Cone

November 8 and 10, 2016-Brazil

- Conniff, Michael L. “Brazil’s Populist Republic and Beyond” (MC).
- Mainwaring, Scott. “The Transition to Democracy in Brazil” (Canvas).
- Samuels, David. “Brazil: Democracy in the PT Era” (DS).
- Recent news article on Brazil, TBA

SECOND DRAFT OF THE PAPER DUE-November 11, 2016

5.00 p.m.

PEER REVIEW DUE-November 15, 2016

5.00 p.m.

November 15 and 17, 2016-Argentina

- Horowitz, Joel. “Populism and Its Legacies in Argentina” (MC).
- Schamis, Hector E. “Argentina: Crisis and Democratic Consolidation” (Canvas).
- Calvo, Ernesto and Murillo, María Victoria. “Argentina: Democratic Consolidation, Partisan Dealignment, and Institutional Weakness” (DS).
- Recent news article on Argentina, TBA

November 22 and 29, 2016-Chile

- Drake, Paul W. “Chile’s Populism Reconsidered 1920s-1990s” (MC).
- Silva, Eduardo. “Capitalist Coalitions, the State, and Neoliberal Economic Restructuring: Chile, 1973-88” (Canvas).
- Siavelis, Peter. “Chile: Beyond Transitional Models of Politics” (DS).
- Recent news article on Chile, TBA

December 1, 2016-Review of the Southern Cone

- No reading.

FINAL DRAFT OF THE PAPER DUE-December 3, 2016

7.00 p.m.

EXAM III DUE-December 6, 2016

7.00 p.m.

EXTRA CREDIT PAPER DUE-December 9, 2016

7.00 p.m.