



PO 304 POLITICS AND SOCIETY IN LATIN AMERICA
IES Abroad Quito

DESCRIPTION:

This course analyzes the relationships between politics and societies in Latin America. It explores how different social actors and movements have tried to achieve a presence in the public sphere. The course also analyzes how common people have been incorporated into the political system, their political actions, and the different mechanisms of domination and resistance.

The course is divided into five discussion topics. The first analyzes how working people were incorporated into the political system by populist movements. It explores the difficult relationships between populist movements and liberal democratic institutions, and the legacy of populist patterns of incorporation in present day politics. This section uses case studies from Ecuador, Argentina, Peru, and Brazil. The second section studies how political parties work in poor neighborhoods. Using the Argentinean case different forms of patronage, such as clientelism, is explored. The third section analyzes the role of social movements in the creation of citizenship in contemporary Ecuador. Have social movements escaped form patronage and populist politics? How have they accommodated to existing cultural political patterns? The fourth explores the roles of social movements in recent constitution making processes in the Andean nations. The final explores the characteristics on the new left in Latin America.

CREDITS: 3 credits

CONTACT HOURS: 45 hours

LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION: Spanish

PREREQUISITES: None

ADDITIONAL COST: None

METHOD OF PRESENTATION:

Lectures, group discussions based on course readings.

REQUIRED WORK AND FORM OF ASSESSMENT:

- Course Participation - 10%
- Short Reports (3 pages) on Two Political and Academic Events - 10%
- Midterm Exam - 20%
- Final Exam - 20%

LEARNING OUTCOMES:

By the end of the course, students will be able to:

- Recognize relevant debates about Latin American Politics.
- Identify different theoretical and methodological approaches to analyze their influence in the interpretation of historical events.
- Explain the normative implications of different theoretical traditions.

CONTENT:

Week	Content	Assignments
Week 1	• Introduction to the course. Populism and Democracy.	

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Week 2	Discussed readings: Gino Germani, Política y Sociedad en una Epoca de Transición, chapter on Argentinian populism, and Osvaldo Hurtado, “Populismo y carisma.” In Felipe Burbano y Carlos de la Torre, eds., El populismo en el Ecuador. Quito: ILDIS 1989.	
Week 3	Discussed readings: Agustín Cueva, “El Velasquismo Ensayo de Interpretación”, In Felipe Burbano y Carlos de la Torre, eds., El populismo en el Ecuador. Quito: ILDIS 1989.	
Week 4	Discussed readings: Kurt Weyland, “Neopopulism and Neoliberalism in Latin America: how much affinity?”, Third World Quarterly, vol. 24, N 6	
Week 5	Discussed readings: Carlos de la Torre, “The resurgence of radical populism in Latin America”, Constellations 14 N 3, 2007.	
Week 6	Film, Velasco Ibarra un Monarca Andino	
Week 7	Movie on the 2006 Ecuadorian Presidential Elections	
Week 8	- First essay exam due - Discussed readings: Javier Auyero, Poor People's Politics: The Argentinean experience.	
Week 9	Discussed readings: Javier Auyero, Poor People's Politics, Introduction and Chapter 3.	
Week 10	Discussed readings: Javier Auyero, Poor People's Politics, Chapters 4 and 5 Social Movements and Citizenship.	

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Week 11	- Afro-Ecuadorians - Discussed readings: Antón Sánchez, John, 2007 "Afrodescendientes: sociedad civil y movilización social en el Ecuador." Journal of Latin American and Caribbean Anthropology, Vol. 12, n 1, pp.233-245, and discussion led by the author.	
Week 12	- The indigenous movement - Discussed readings: Luis Alberto Toaza, "El Cansancio Organizativo de los Indígenas" and guest lecture by the author.	
Week 13	- Constitution Making and Social Movements in the Andes. - Discussed readings: Amy Lind, Gendered Paradoxes. Women's Movements, State Restructuring, and Global Development in Ecuador. University Park: The Pennsylvania University Press, Chapter 5.	
Week 14	- Discussed readings: Renata Segura and Ana María Bejarano, "¡Ni una asamblea más sin nosotros! - Exclusion, Inclusion, and the Politics of Constitution-Making in the Andes." Constellation vol. 11, n. 2, pp. 217-236.	
Week 15	- The resurgence of the Latin American Left. - Discussed readings: Carlos de la Torre, "Movimientos Sociales y Procesos Constituyentes en Ecuador"	
Week 16	Discussed readings: Jorge Castañeda, "Latin America's Left Turn", Foreign Affairs, May-June 2006.	

Week	Content	Assignments
Week 17	Discussed readings: Rafael Correa, “Por fin, Latinoamerica Se Atreve a Generar Pensamiento Propio,” “Los Socialismos del Siglo XXI”, and interview with Rafael Correa in Ecuador y América Latina. Socialismo del Siglo XXI, edited by H. Dieterich, pages 19-65.	
Week 18	Discussed readings: Catherine Conaghan and Carlos de la Torre. The permanent campaign of Rafael Correa. Forthcoming in press and politics.	
Week 19	Final exam due	

REQUIRED READINGS:

- Auyero, Javier. *Por fin, Latinoamerica Se Atreve a Generar Pensamiento Propio*. Duke University Press, 2000.
- Conaghan, Catherine and Carlos de la Torre, “The Permanent Campaign of Rafael Correa.”
- Cueva, Agustín. *El proceso de dominación política en Ecuador*. Quito: Editorial Planeta, 1988.
- De la Torre, Carlos. “The resurgence of radical populism in Latin America” *Studies in Comparative International Development (SCID)* 31.3 (1991):3-31. Dieterich, H., editor. *Socialismo del Siglo XXI*.
- Germani, Gino. *Política y Sociedad en una Época de Transición*. Buenos Aires: Paidós, 1968.
- Osvaldo Hurtado, *El Poder Político en Ecuador*. Quito: Pontificia Universidad Católica del Ecuador, 1977.
- Weyland, Kurt. “The Unexpected Affinities between Populism and Neoliberalism.”

RECOMMENDED READINGS:

- Peruzzotti, Enrique. “Media Scandals and Societal Accountability. Assessing the Role of the Senate Scandal in Argentina.”
- Peruzzoti, Enrique and Catalina Smulovitz, ed. *Controlando la Política. Ciudadanos y Medios en las nuevas democracias Latinoamericanas*. Buenos Aires: Temas Grupo Editorial.
- , *Enforcing the Rule of Law. The Politics of Social Accountability in the New Latin American Democracies*. Pittsburgh: The University of Pittsburgh Press.
- Waisbord, Silvio. “Interpretando los Escándalos. Análisis de su Relación con los Medios y la Ciudadanía en la Argentina Contemporánea.”