

# EC 322B THE TRANSFORMATION OF THE CHILEAN AND OTHER LATIN AMERICAN ECONOMIES FROM THE LATE 20<sup>TH</sup> INTO THE 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY

**IES Abroad Santiago** 

#### **DESCRIPTION:**

This course explores the relationship between economics, politics and institutions in Chile. To achieve this goal, we will examine the different stages of Chilean political development and its respective economic model across the 20th century and the first decades of 21st. There is an emphasis on studying the effects that the economic model signifies for stability in the country. At the same time, we compare what happened in Chile with the parallel events in the rest of the countries of the South Cone.

**CREDITS:** 3 credits

**CONTACT HOURS: 45 hours** 

**LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION: Spanish** 

**PREREQUISITES:** None

**ADDITIONAL COST: None** 

#### **METHOD OF PRESENTATION:**

Lectures

- Class discussions
- Student presentations
- Research project
- Course-related trip
- Guest speaker

## REQUIRED WORK AND FORM OF ASSESSMENT:

- Brief Presentations 10%
- Class Exercises and Debates 15%
- Essays 20%
- Presentations 30%
- Final Essay 25%

#### **Brief Presentations**

Every student will be required at least once to summarize and make a 10 minutes presentation on one of the class readings or topics. The presentation will be an introduction that will be conducted at the beginning of the class.

## **Class Exercises and Debates**

Students are expected to participate actively and to prepare readings and assignments thoroughly before class.

## **Essays**

During trip and speaker visits, the professor will hand out work guides for students. These guides will provide reflection topics or questions for the students. For the next session, students will have to deliver a brief essay about these activities.

## **Presentations**

Every student will be required at least once to summarize and make a 10 minutes presentation on one of the class readings or topics. The presentation will be an introduction that will be conducted at the beginning of the class.

## **Final Essay**

A final test, consisting in essay questions related to the course.



#### **LEARNING OUTCOMES:**

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

- Discuss the underlying problems of new political and economic models implemented in the South Cone.
- Identify and analyze the stages of Chilean political and economic development.
- Understand and explain the importance of institutions for national development.
- Assess the current Chilean political landscape and the new issues being debated by Chilean society.

#### ATTENDANCE POLICY:

Attendance and punctuality are mandatory for all IES Abroad classes, including course-related excursions. Any exams, tests, presentations, or other work missed due to student absences can only be rescheduled in cases of documented medical or family emergencies. If a student misses more than 1.5 classes (for courses taught once a week) or 2.5 classes (for courses taught twice a week) in any course, the final grade will be reduced by one-third of a letter grade (for example, A- to B+) for every additional unexcused absence. Six absences in any course will result in a failing grade.

## **Punctuality**

Students who are late to class will receive a .5 absence. Arriving in class more than 15 minutes late will result in 1 absence.

#### CONTENT.

Session	Content	Assignments
Session 1	Professor and student introductions     Discussion about expectations     Course survey     Course methodology     Introduction to Latin American political, economic and social context in the 20 <sup>th</sup> century     Activity: Review and selection of presentation topics	Ocampo, José Antonio. "The history and challenges of Latin American Development."
Session 2	Development, the economy and institutions: What is the difference between similar countries?  • Discuss Latin American institutions • Activity: "Political institutions in Latin America" Alexandru Lupan	<ul> <li>Acemolu &amp; Robinson. "Why Nations fail: The origins of the power, prosperity and poverty." Chapters 1 and 2.</li> <li>Complementary material:</li> <li>"Why Nations Fail" James Robinson https://youtu.be/jsZDIBU36n0</li> <li>"Economic Development and institutions" https://youtu.be/i6fu5A9vVvQ</li> <li>"Importance of institutions" https://youtu.be/wdKBfXRpNsk</li> </ul>



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Session 3	From structuralism to neoliberalism beyond: The continuous trial and error of Latin American models  Discussion and presentations about populism in Latin American countries: The case of Brazil, Chile and Uruguay	<ul> <li>de la Torre, Carlos. "Populism and Democracy: Lessons from Latin America."</li> <li>Complementary material:</li> <li>"Latin America's Economic Divide" https://youtu.be/pAz-gQd4QkM</li> <li>Dr. Alfred Sfeir: Sustainable Development in Latin America https://youtu.be/qQBHG89FYyw</li> <li>Davos 2017 Shaping the future: https://youtu.be/qQBHG89FYyw</li> </ul>
Session 4	From structuralism to neoliberalism beyond: The continuous trial and error of Latin American models     Discussion about the implementation of ISI model in Chile, Argentina and Peru	<ul> <li>Vand der Borgh. "A comparison of four development models in Latin American."</li> <li>Complementary material:         <ul> <li>"Latin America's Economic Divide" https://youtu.be/pAz-gQd4QkM</li> </ul> </li> <li>Dr. Alfred Sfeir: Sustainable Development in Latin America https://youtu.be/qQBHG89FYyw</li> <li>Davos 2017 Shaping the future: https://youtu.be/qQBHG89FYyw</li> </ul>
Session 5	Chile and its model of development: From colonial times to import substitution  • Activity: Creating a Chilean timeline highlighting the most relevant hits	<ul> <li>French-Davis. "Economic Development in Chile since 1950s." Chapter 1.</li> <li>Complementary material:</li> <li>"Santiago: Housing in Chile" https://youtu.be/n-3z7TQKNJo</li> </ul>
Session 6	Discussion: What are the differences between Chile and other socialist countries?	<ul> <li>Larraín, F. &amp; Meller, P. "The socialist – populist chilean experience, 1970 -1973."</li> <li>Complementary material:</li> <li>"Cold War – Chile 1973" https://youtu.be/Q-xyoI5bU-g2</li> <li>"Dateline: Chile- 1973 – ABC news" https://youtu.be/V_UAHZsrX_A</li> </ul>
Session 7	Discussion about Chicago Boys and their economic reforms	<ul> <li>Silva, P. "Technocrats and Politics in Chile: From the Chicago Boys to CIEPLAN Monks."</li> <li>Complementary material:</li> <li>"Patricio Aylwin justifies 1973 coup military" https://youtu.be/3n9M7EEDLIA2</li> <li>"Johan Norberg - Economic Freedom" https://youtu.be/DzWfs07EIUE</li> <li>"Milton Friedman and Chile" https://youtu.be/SCkTFPLL-Lk4</li> <li>"The death of Pinochet" https://youtu.be/ZbVwt2V4Ii0</li> </ul>



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Session 8	Discussion about the new Chilean context	<ul> <li>Labán, R. &amp; Larraín, F. "From the military to Democracy: Two decades of Chilean economic policies."</li> <li>Complementary material:</li> <li>"Chile's problematic success" https://youtu.be/qfsqERNOndA</li> </ul>
Session 9	Concertation's government and Chilean economic reinsertion  Comparison between governments of: Patricio Aylwin Eduardo Frei Ruiz Tagle Ricardo Lagos Michelle Bachelet	Slavells, Peter. "Enclaves of the transition Chilean and democracy."
Session 10	Guest speaker	<ul> <li>Marcel, Mario. "The chilean economy: Recent development and coming challenges."</li> <li>Complementary material:</li> <li>"Chile's migration boom has led to a major housing crisis" https://youtu.be/ga_LpN8bh-g2</li> <li>"Privatised education in Chile: Legacy and Protest" https://youtu.be/jJAZho1p61Y</li> <li>Essay</li> </ul>
Session 11	Viña Veramonte in Casablanca	<ul> <li>Review website: https://www.veramonte.cl/es/</li> <li>"The Chilean wine industry: New international strategies for 2020"         http://www.vdqs.net/2013Talca/documents/informations/         The%20Chilean%20Wine%20Industry.pdf     </li> <li>Essay</li> </ul>
Session 12	Reforms in Chile in the 21 <sup>st</sup> century     Second generation of reforms     Debate about the current priorities for Chilean governments	Bernasconi, Andrés. "Second generation of reforms in Chile."  •
Session 13	Chile from 2010 to date	Libertad & Desarrollo. "Balance - the first six months of Sebastian Piñera government."
Session 14	Final presentations	The students will present the topics chosen at the first class



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Session 15	Final session	General evaluation and feedback
	<ul><li>Grading</li><li>Course evaluation</li></ul>	

#### **COURSE-RELATED TRIPS:**

• Viña Veramonte in Casablanca

#### **REQUIRED READINGS:**

- Acemolu, and Robinson. "Why Nations fail: The origins of the power, prosperity and poverty." Chapters 1-2.
- Bernasconi, Andrés. "Second generation of reforms in Chile."
- De la Torre, Carlos. "Populism and Democracy: Lessons from Latin America."
- French-Davis. "Economic Development in Chile since 1950s." Chapter 1.
- Labán, R., and F. Larraín. "From the military to Democracy: Two decades of Chilean economic policies."
- Larraín, F., and P. Meller. "The socialist populist Chilean experience, 1970 -1973."
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- Marcel, Mario. "The Chilean economy: Recent development and coming challenges."
- Ocampo, José Antonio. "The history and challenges of Latin American Development."
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### Websites

https://www.veramonte.cl/es/

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- "Chile's migration boom has led to a major housing crisis" https://youtu.be/ga LpN8bh-g2
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