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Introduction to Latin American Politics

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History and interpretations: Latin America as a “mausoleum of modernities”. From early independence to the delayed consolidation of state apparatuses. Presidentialism as a regional constant with national nuances. Authoritarianism, democratization and new political instability. Party politics, populism and the “turn to the left”. Foreign policy: between ideology and pragmatism. The several waves of regional integration: cases, debates, and prospects.

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Schedule

Class 1 – Monday 18 February, 11:30 – 13:30

History and interpretations: commonalities and particularities of Latin America.

Class 2 – Tuesday 19 February, 11:30 – 13:30

Processes and institutions: democracy, presidentialism, and populism.

Class 3 – Tuesday 19 February, 14:30 – 16:30

Student presentations.

Class 4 – Wednesday 20 February, 11:30 – 13:30

Comparative regional integration: waves, cases, debates, and prospects.

Class 5 – Wednesday 20 February, 14:30 – 16:30

Student presentations.

Class 6 – Thursday 21 February, 11:30 – 13:30

Foreign policy: between ideology and pragmatism. The cases of Argentina and Brazil.

Evaluation

Students will be graded following two assignments: an oral presentation (the class will be divided into three-member groups, each of which will pick a topic to discuss) and a short exam to be taken three weeks after the course's end. The former will be worth 30% of the final grade and the latter 70%.

Classes and group presentations

The four morning classes will consist of taught lectures.

In the two afternoon classes, the students will organize themselves beforehand into groups of three and will prepare a 20-minute presentation on a given topic. They may choose from the following:

- 1) Role of Simón Bolívar and José de San Martín in the independence of Hispanic America (1812–1822)
- 2) The independence of Brazil (1822)
- 3) The Mexican Revolution (1910)
- 4) The Cuban Revolution (1959)
- 5) The Cuban missile crisis (1962)
- 6) The US occupation of the Dominican Republic (1965)
- 7) The 2010 Haiti earthquake and its aftermath
- 8) The Latin American Nobel Prizes

All necessary information can be found on the Internet, although books and films will do no harm. The presentations should provide a brief description of the issue, including facts and key actors, plus an analysis of its main causes and consequences (when pertinent). Power Point presentations to assist the talks will be welcome.