

Latin American Politics

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Overview and Objectives

This **undergraduate-level course** is intended as an introduction to Latin American politics from a comparative politics view. The papers and chapters will draw from what call ‘the core’ that defines this important area of research.

Course Learning Objectives

Upon successful completion of this course, you will be able to:

- Acquire an understanding of the main democratization and development theories in Latin America.
- Use the comparative method and analysis in the political science literature.
- Consume ‘critically’ the Latin American politics literature.

Requirements

In this course we will cover the key concepts and theoretical debates in a very large sub-field in political science. Students will be expected to complete the required readings each week, attend the lectures, participate in class discussions and take careful notes. When reading the class materials, you should locate the main argument, strengths, weaknesses, and other issues that are of concern. As you read through the material, think about the following questions: *What is the cause and what is the effect? What makes the theory ‘move,’ is it individuals? institutions? (ir)rationality? Does/do the author/s have a strong research design/methodology to support the paper’s argument?*

Evaluation

- **Two midterm papers:** 25 %.
- **Final exam paper:** 25 %.
- **Participation:** 25 %.

Academic Integrity

In accordance with Rutgers University policy on Academic Integrity, you are expected to fully comply with the school’s policies. Please see this [link](#).

Students with Disabilities

Students with disabilities who require accommodation should review the following statement from the Office of Disability Services [link](#).

Absence from Exams

Only a note from your college dean stipulating a medical or family emergency will be acceptable as an excuse for missing an exam. If at all possible, I need to be notified before the exam of your inability to take it. Absence from an exam because of travel plans will not be excused.

Office Hours

I have an open-doors policy, feel free to stop by my office at any time. However, you might want to minimize the risks that I am not there. I advise you then to schedule time with me using my automatic scheduler. I think fixed office hours do not work because ... well, they are fixed. I prefer flexibility. Hence, you can see me any day/time that's available during the week. Do not send me a reminder as I will receive an alert: If the time spot is available, I am happy to see you there. Please follow this [link](#).

Cell Phones

Make sure your cell phones are turned OFF before entering class.

Schedule

1. History of Latin America

- Collier, R.B., and Collier, D., *Shaping the Political Arena*. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1991, 3-20, 27-55, 59-68, 93-106, 161-172, 196-201, 271-272, 314-315, 353-367, 403-406, 438- 439, 469, 498-513, 571-573, 639, 692-693, 745-774.
- Rueschemeyer, D., Stephens, E.H., and Stephens, J.D., *Capitalist Development and Democracy*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1992, 155-225.

2. State-Building and Development

- Sokoloff, K. L. and S. L. Engerman. "Institutions, Factor Endowments, and Paths of Development in the New World." *Journal of Economic Perspectives* 14, No. 3 (2000): 217-232.
- Coatsworth, J. "Inequality, Institutions, and Economic Growth in Latin America." *Journal of Latin American Studies* 40, No. 3 (2008): 545-569.
- Dell, M. "The Persistent Effects of Peru's Mining Mita." *Econometrica* 78 (6) (2010): 1863-1903.
- Mahoney, J. *Colonialism and Postcolonial Development: Spanish America in Comparative Perspective* (Cambridge University Press, 2010), Chapters 1 and 8.
- Centeno, M., *Blood and Debt: War and the Nation-State in Latin America* (Penn State University Press, 2002), 1-26, 33-47, 261-280.
- Soifer, H. *State Building in Latin America* (Cambridge University Press, 2015), chapters 1, 2, and 7.
- Kurtz, M., *Latin American State-Building in Comparative Perspective: Social Foundations of Institutional Order*. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2013, Chapters 1-2 (pp. 1-65).

3. Development Strategies I

- Bulmer-Thomas, V., *The Economic History of Latin America since Independence*, 3rd edition (Cambridge University Press, 2014), 296-318, 330-345, 383-390, 413-422
- Prebisch, R., "International Trade and Payments in an Era of Coexistence: Commercial Policy in the Underdeveloped Countries," *The American Economic Review* 49 no. 2 (May 1959): 251- 273.
- Hirschman, A.O., "The Political Economy of Import-Substituting Industrialization in Latin America," *The Quarterly Journal of Economics* 82 no. 1 (February 1968): 1-32.
- Baer, W., "Import Substitution and Industrialization in Latin America: Experiences and Interpretations," *Latin American Research Review* 7 no. 1 (Spring 1972): 95-111.
- Dornbusch, R., and Edwards, S., "Macroeconomic Populism," *Journal of Development Economics* 32 (1990): 247-275.
- Bahamonde, H. "Structural Transformations and State Institutions in Latin America, 1900-2010." 2016.
- Blejer, M.I., and Cheasty, A., "High Inflation, Heterodox Stabilization, and Fiscal Policy," *World Development* 16 no. 8 (August 1988): 867-879.
- Pastor, M., "Bolivia: Hyperinflation, Stabilization, and Beyond," *Journal of Development Studies* 27 no. 2 (January 1991): 211-233.
- Roxborough, I., "Inflation and Social Pacts in Brazil and Mexico," *Journal of Latin American Studies* 24 (October 1992): 639-664.

4. Development Strategies II

- Haggard, S., and Kaufman, R.R., *The Political Economy of Democratic Transitions*. Princeton University Press, 1995, pp. 3-20, 151-218, 227.
- Geddes, B., "The Politics of Economic Liberalization," *Latin American Research Review* 30 no. 2 (1995): 195-214.
- Schamis, H. "Distributional Coalitions and the Politics of Economic Reform in Latin America." *World Politics* 51, No. 2 (1999): 236-268.
- Campello, D. *The Politics of Market Discipline in Latin America* (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2015), pp. 1-22.
- Flores-Macias, G. "Statist vs. Pro-Market: Explaining Leftist Governments' Economic Policies in Latin America." *Comparative Politics* 42, No. 4 (July 2010): 413-433.
- Weyland, K., "The Rise of Latin America's Two Lefts: Insights from Rentier State Theory," *Comparative Politics* 41:2 (January 2009): 145-164.
- Haggard, S., and Kaufman, R.R., *Development, Democracy and Welfare States: Latin America East Asia, and Eastern Europe* (Princeton University Press, 2008), pp. 1-17; 27-51; 59-65; 71-78; 181-220; 262-304.
- De la O, A. *Crafting Policies to End Poverty in Latin America: The Quiet Transformation*. (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2015). pp. 1-23; skim pp. 24-43 and 57-70.

5. Democratic Instability and Authoritarianism

- Lipset, S.M., *Political Man*. Garden City, NY: Anchor Books, 1963, pp. 27-62.
- O'Donnell, G., *Modernization and Bureaucratic-Authoritarianism*. Institute of International Studies, University of California-Berkeley, 1973, pp. 53-114.
- Collier, D., "The Bureaucratic-Authoritarian Model: Synthesis and Priorities for Future Research," in David Collier, ed. *The New Authoritarianism in Latin America*. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1979, pp. 362-395.

- Schamis, H.E., "Reconceptualizing Latin American Authoritarianism in the 1970s: From Bureaucratic Authoritarianism to Neoconservatism," *Comparative Politics* 23 no. 2 (January 1991), pp. 201-216.
- Magaloni, B., *Voting for Autocracy: Hegemonic Party Survival and its Demise in Mexico* (New York: Cambridge University Press), pp. 1-28, 44-81.
- Greene, K., *Why Dominant Parties Lose: Mexico's Democratization in Comparative Perspective* (New York: Cambridge University Press), pp. 33-64, 71-115.
- Dunning, T., *Crude Democracy: Natural Resource Wealth and Political Regimes* (New York: Cambridge University Press), pp. 1-25 and 152-209.
- Albertus, M., *Autocracy and Redistribution: The Politics of Land Reform* (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2015), pp. 1-103.

6. Contemporary Democracy, New Challenges

- O'Donnell, G., and Schmitter, P.C., *Transitions from Authoritarian Rule: Tentative Conclusions about Uncertain Democracies*. Baltimore: The Johns Hopkins Press, 1986, pp. 3-72.
- Hagopian, F., "'Democracy by Undemocratic Means'? Elites, Political Pacts, and Regime Transition in Brazil," *Comparative Political Studies* 23 no. 2 (July 1990), pp. 147-166.
- Haggard, S., and Kaufman, R., "The Political Economy of Democratic Transitions." *Comparative Politics* 29, No.3 (April 1997): 285-303.
- Mainwaring, S. and A. Perez-Linan. 2014. *Democracies and Dictatorships in Latin America: Emergence, Survival*. New York: Cambridge University Press, chapters 1, 2, and 4.
- Stepan, A., *Rethinking Military Politics*. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1988, pp. 68-127.
- Hunter, W., *Eroding Military Influence in Brazil: Politicians Against Soldiers* (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 1997), pp. 5-25 and 139-173.
- O'Donnell, G., "Delegative Democracy," *Journal of Democracy* 5 no. 1 (1994), pp. 55-69.
- Levitsky, S. and J. Loxton, "Populism and Competitive Authoritarianism in the Andes." *Democratization* 20, No. 1 (2013): 107-136.
- Mazzuca, S. "The Rise of Rentier Populism," *Journal of Democracy* 24, No. 2 (April 2013): 108-122.

7. Party Politics in Latin America I

- Dix, R.H., "Cleavage Structures and Party Systems in Latin America," *Comparative Politics* 22, No. 1 (October 1989): 23-37.
- Mainwaring, S. and Scully, T., "Introduction: Party Systems in Latin America." In Mainwaring and Scully, eds., *Building Democratic Institutions: Party Systems in Latin America*. Stanford University Press, 1995.
- Roberts, K. and Wibbels, E., "Party Systems and Electoral Volatility in Latin America: A Test of Economic, Institutional, and Structural Explanations." *American Political Science Review* 93, No. 3 (September 1999), pp. 575-590.
- Lupu, N. "Brand Dilution and the Breakdown of Political Parties in Latin America." *World Politics* 66, No. 4 (October 2014): 561-602.
- Roberts, K. "Market Reform, Programmatic (De) alignment, and Party System Stability in Latin America," *Comparative Political Studies* 46, No. 11 (2013): 1422-52.
- Hagopian, F., Gervasoni, C., and Moraes, J.A., "From Patronage to Program: The Emergence of Party-Oriented Legislators in Brazil," *Comparative Political Studies* 42, No. 3 (March 2009), pp. 360-391.

- Handlin, S. "Social Protection and the Politicization of Class Cleavages during Latin America's Left Turn," *Comparative Political Studies* 46, No. 12: 1582-1609.

8. Party Politics in Latin America II

- Stokes, S., Dunning, T., Nazareno, M., and Brusco, V., *Brokers, Voters, and Clientelism: The Puzzle of Distributive Politics* (Cambridge University Press, 2013), 3-14, 18-21, 31-32, 54-55, 65-68, 72, 96-129.
- Schaffer, J., and Baker, A., "Clientelism as Persuasion-Buying: Evidence from Latin America," *Comparative Political Studies* 48:9 (2015): 1093-1126.
- Bahamonde, H. "Aiming Right at You: Group vs. Individual Clientelistic Targeting in Brazil." 2017.
- Hidalgo, F. D., and Nichter, S., "Voter Buying: Shaping the Electorate through Clientelism," *American Journal of Political Science* 60, no. 2 (April 2016): 436-455.
- Larreguy, H., Marshall, J., and Querubin. "Parties, Brokers, and Voter Mobilization: How Turnout Buying Depends upon the Party's Capacity to Monitor Brokers," *American Political Science Review* 110:1 (February 2016): 160-179.
- Holland, A. C., and Palmer-Rubin, B., "Beyond the Machine: Clientelist Brokers and Interest Organizations in Latin America," *Comparative Political Studies* 48:9 (2015): 1186-1223.
- Weitz-Shapiro, R., "What Wins Voters: Why Some Politicians Opt Out of Clientelism," *American Journal of Political Science* 56:3 (July 2012): 568-583.
- Borges-Sugiyama, N., and Hunter, W., "Whither Clientelism? Good Governance and Brazil's Bolsa Familia Program," *Comparative Politics* 46:1 (October 2013): 43-62.