

Course GB-12 INTER-AMERICAN RELATIONS

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45 CONTACT HOURS / 3 SEMESTER CREDITS

THIS CLASS MEETS: TUES/THURS 11AM – 1PM

OBJECTIVES

This Course sets out to examine the relations between the United States and Latin America during the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. Specific emphasis will be placed on: (1) the reason why these relations have often been characterized by factors of tension and mistrust and (2) the fact that they constitute a key phase in the development of the system of international capitalism.

The syllabus will be divided into chronological phases, in each the processes and key events affecting these relations being the subject of analysis. Class sessions will also include commentaries on certain of the suggested readings.

By the end of the Course students will be expected to have acquired a structured, contrastively-based awareness of these same Inter-American Relations, thereby helping them to understand the key factors affecting the present-day situation within the American continent.

SYLLABUS

Introduction

I. 1825-1890

- 1.- The Monroe Doctrine and its Historical Contextualization.
- 2.- The Frontier with Mexico and Manifest Destiny.
- 3.- Nicaragua.
- 4.- Cuba and the Slave South.
- 5.- Pan-Americanism.

Reading Material:

- BOLTON, H.E. "The Epic of Greater America", in HANKE, L. *Do the Americas Have a Common History?* New York, 1964, pp. 67-104.
- SCHOULTZ, L. *Beneath the United States*. New York, 1998. Caps. 1 y 3.
- ZINN, H. *A People's History of the United States. 1492-Present*. New York, 1999. pp. 149-169.
- BOSCH, J. *De Colón a Fidel Castro*. Madrid, 1985. Caps. XXI y XXII, pp. 217-273.
- MORALES PADRÓN, F. *Historia de unas relaciones difíciles*. Sevilla, 1987. Cap. 5

II. 1890-1929

- 6.- Economic Growth, "Big Stick" Policy, and the Roosevelt Corollary to the Monroe Doctrine.
- 7.- Cuba, the Hispanic-U.S. War, and its Consequences.
- 8.- Panamá and Interventionism in the Caribbean.
- 9.- Dollar Diplomacy.

Reading Material:

- BEMIS, S.F. *The Latin American Policy of the United States*. New York, 1943. Cap. X, pp. 168-199.
- BOSCH, J. *De Colón a Fidel Castro*. Madrid, 1985. Cap. XXIV, pp. 305-334.
- GIL, F.G. *Latinoamérica y Estados Unidos...* Madrid, 1975. Cap. 4, pp. 85-103.
- MECHAM, LI. *The United States Interamerican Security, 1889-1960*. Austin, 1961. Cap. III, 48-76.
- ZANETTI, O. y GARCÍA, A. *United Fruit Co. Un caso del dominio imperialista en Cuba*. La Habana, 1976. Cap. II, pp. 46-79.

III. 1929-1945

- 10.- The Crash of 1929 and New Perspectives for American Diplomacy.
- 11.- Good-Neighbor Policy and the New Latin American Dictatorships.
- 12.- Inter-American Relations during World War Two.

Reading Material

- CONNELL-SMITH, G. *The Inter-American System*. New York, 1966. pp. 75-109.
- WOOD, B. *The Making of the Good Neighbor Policy*. New York, 1961, pp. 118-155.
- SMITH, Peter H. *Talons of the Eagle. Dynamics of U.S.-Latin American Relations*. New York-Oxford, 1996. pp. 65-87.
- SCHOULTZ, L. *Beneath the United States*. New York, 1988, pp. 290-315.

IV. 1945-1980.

- 13.- The Post-War Period and its Political Consequences. The Organization of American States.
- 14.- Contradictions: the Cold War and Repression in Guatemala.
- 15.- The Cuban Revolution and the Alliance for Progress.
- 16.- The Hardening of Relations from the 1960s to the 1980s.
- 17.- The Central American Crisis and the Nicaraguan Revolution.

Reading Material:

- TORIELLO, G. *Tras la cortina del banano*. México, 1976, pp. 63-85.
- BLACK, J.K. *Sentinels of Empire: The United States and Latin American Militarism*. N.Y. 1986.

- BENJAMIN, J. *The United States and the Origins of Cuban Revolution*. Princeton, 1990.
- SCHOULTZ, L. *Beneath the United States*. New York, 1998, pp. 332-348.
- KÖNIG, H.-J. "El intervencionismo norteamericano en Iberoamérica", in M. LUCENA SALMORAL. *Historia de Iberoamérica*. Madrid, 1988, pp. 453-474.

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- STUART, G. y TIGNER, J.L. *Latin America and the United States*. Englewood Cliffs, 1955.

ASSESSMENT

Two compulsory exams will be set as the Course develops, the dates of which will be indicated in due time. Likewise, final grading will give positive consideration to regular attendance and to active participation in class sessions.