

Course GB-14 CONTEMPORARY HISTORY OF LATIN AMERICA

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45 CONTACT HOURS / 3 SEMESTER CREDITS

THIS CLASS MEETS: MON/WED, 5-7pm

SYLLABUS

1. The Revolutions of Independence and Political Geography in its Beginnings.
2. The Formation of National States: Centralism and Federalism. Liberals and Conservatives.
3. Contemporary Demographic Evolution. Emigration.
4. Main Phases of Historical Development during the Twentieth Century.
5. Neocolonialism: Dependent Economic Growth and Processes of Integration.
6. Social Structures and their Evolution.
7. The Constitutions of Spanish America: the Liberal Tradition and the Socialist Experience.
8. Military Dictatorships and Populist Movements.
9. The Revolutions of the Twentieth Century.
10. Latin America in the Twenty-First Century: Neoliberalism, Crisis and Radical Populism.

ASSESSMENT

Assessment will be based on two half-syllabus exams and one final exam in the case of those who do not pass one of these two half-syllabus exercises or neither of them. Regular class attendance and active participation in sessions will also carry positive weighting in the assigning of final grades.

Each exam will be made up of ten short answers to specific questions, together with an exercise involving the more wide-ranging discussion of the subject blocks explored in class, as well as the texts discussed in sessions, a brief schematic outline of these also being required.

BIBLIOGRAPHY

The Course will be largely based on class lectures and on a series of critical appreciations of specialist books and articles which will be discussed in class sessions, while their titles will be specified at different moments. These reading assignments will function as clarification and back-up for the contents of the theoretical class lectures. The following general titles may also be consulted:

- ALCÁNTARA, M.: *Sistemas políticos de América Latina*, 2ª edición, Madrid, Tecnos, 1999, 2 vols.
- HALPERIN DONGHI, T.: *Historia contemporánea de América Latina*. Madrid, Alianza Editorial, 1992.
- LUCENA SALMORAL, M.: *Historia de Iberoamérica*. Volume III of *Historia contemporánea*. Madrid, Ed. Cátedra, 1988.
- MORALES PADRÓN, F.: *América Hispana. Las nuevas naciones*, in *Historia de España*. Volume 15. Madrid, Ed. Gredos, 1986.
- NAVARRO GARCÍA, L. (Coordinator): *Historia de las Américas*. Volume IV. Sevilla, universidad de Sevilla-Ed. Alambra, 1991.