

## **PALAS 410: Latin America in the Global Economy**

**Universidad de Belgrano**

**60 contact hours / 4 semester credits. This class meets twice a week for 90 minutes each session.**

**This course is taught in English. No pre-requisites.**

### **Course Description and Objectives**

The course deals with the analysis of the international relations between the Latin American countries (L. A.) and other main geo-economic regions of the world; i.e.: Europe (European Union / E.U.), North America (NAFTA), and Asia (ASEAN). Main aspects to be taken into account are: economic cooperation, trade issues, business development and socio-political aspects.

Although all the regions will be taken into account in their internal and external (inter-regional) relations, a special stress will be put in the cases of: (i) the economic relations of Latin America with E.U., NAFTA and ASEAN; (ii) the economic relations within the Latin American Region (MERCOSUR, CAN, the proposal of ALBA); (iii) the role of international organizations and multinational corporations in economic development (including the subjects of: training of human resources and technology transfer), and (iv) the subject of the present hegemonic power of the USA versus the prospects of China and India.

The course is designed under the "Case Study" concept. Therefore, the analysis will be complemented with selected case studies.

### **Grading**

Class Participation: 30%

Mid-Term evaluation (Group presentation): 30%

Final evaluation (Written Test and Oral presentation): 40%