

PEAL 455: Political Systems: Populism in Latin America (Special Topic)

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 Spanish.

Pre-requisite: minimum Intermediate level of Spanish.

Course Description

After the breakdown of the so-called ‘colonial pact’, new political elites imposed variations of the available organizational model on their societies. This republican, representative, and often federal model had emerged from the American War of Independence and the French Revolution.

However, the contradiction between an archaic social and cultural structure and a modernizing political project was to produce political tensions in Latin America. One result of all this was the emergence of a vague and indeterminate political movement known as populism in the twentieth century.

This course redefines the populist phenomenon in Argentina, Brazil and Mexico as a “popular national policy” with elements common to all of Latin America.