

SAN JOSE STATE UNIVERSITY

LATIN AMERICAN POLITICS Change and Challenges

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What is "Latin America"? Latin America covers 7000 sq. miles. In land mass Latin America is eight million square miles or nearly three times the size of the USA. Hence, it is impossible for anyone to state that they know Latin America!

One way to understand Latin America is by regions we start our discover of Latin America with Mexico with whom we share a 1900 mile border and it is the second largest country in Latin America after Brazil.

The six nations of Central America south of Mexico are Guatemala, Honduras, El Salvador, and Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Belize. The Andean group is Panama, Venezuela, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, and Bolivia. The south cone contains Chile, Argentina, Paraguay, and Uruguay. North of the Southern Cone are the following countries, Brazil is the fifth largest country in the world. Guyana Anglophone, Suriname is a Dutch speaking country. In the Caribbean the Latin speaking countries are Haiti the first totally free country in this hemisphere because it eliminated slavery in 1804. +Brazil did not end slavery until the 1880's! Cuba, Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico (colonized by the USA) Martinique.

The end of the Cold War brought hope and joy that the rule by Caudillos/Military dictatorships' would cease immediately. Such events lead Latin Americans to believe that they were headed for a new Latin Renaissance and the end of ideology. However, the rise of Indigenous people movements in Mexico's Chiapas area, the Mayan people had a great awakening and ignited the torch of freedom in Guatemala and Mexico. The Inca people also rejected the Idea that they were a Latin people.

Cuba also refused to denounce its Leninist- Socialist ideals which were recently reinforced by additions of Chile, Venezuela, and Argentine! Will this lead to a new Cold War in Latin America?

Class Objective: Provide an analysis to explain why Latin American failed to develop industrialization. Even though Latin America was one of the richest regions of the world for over two hundred years, prosperity like United States of Latin America has not been achieved! However there is a potential for a new Latin American Renaissance based on the twin pillars of industrialization and democratization fueled by the abundant natural resources in Latin America. Moreover, the insatiable appetite of China and India for natural resources means that all countries that supply the two Asian Elephants will enrich themselves, as well as China and India.

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REQUIRED READING

**THOMAS E. SKIDMORE, MODERN LATIN AMERICA
Warda, Latin America Politics and Development**

PATRICE FRANCO, THE PUZZLE OF LATIN AMERICA

Recommended Reading

Blackness in Latin America and Caribbean, V1D

FINANCIAL TIMES

www.ft.com/latinamerica

**GRADES ARE BASED ON A MID-TERM 40 POINTS& AND
A FINAL (COUNTRY REPORT) 60 POINTS.**

GRADES:

Mid Term: Pick Two Countries and Compare and Contrast their political system
3-5 pages 40 PTS.

Week One Introduction and review of syllabus

WEEKS 2-6 Chapter:
Required Reading MODERN LATIN AMERICA.
Chaps: 1, 2, 3, and 4

Weeks: 7-8
REQUIRED READING MODERN LATIN AMERICA: CHAPTS 7& 8

Weeks: 9
CHAPTS.9
TAKE HOME MID TERM
PAPER DUE IN CLASS ON WEEK 11

Week 10 spring break 3/26-4/1

Weeks: 11, 12
REQUIRED READING:
THE PUZZLE OF LATIN AMERICA
Chapters: 1, 2 AND3

WEEKS: 13, 14
REQUIRED READING:
THE PUZZLE OF LATIN AMERICA 10, 11

WEEK 15-16
Latin America Politics and Development
Chapter 6&9Movie
Lucia (1969) will follow discussion in class students are expected to fully participate.

WEEK -17(5/15/2012)

Final exam and last day of class paper due on 5/17 late papers are not accepted.

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