

POLI 134I  
Summer Session I 2011

Monday-Wednesday 2:00PM-4:50PM  
Faustina Solis Lecture Hall - Room 110

## Politics in the Southern Cone of Latin America

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### Course Description

This course is a comparative analysis of twentieth-century political developments and issues in the southern cone of Latin America: Argentina, Brazil, Chile, and Uruguay. The course will also examine the social and economic content and results of contrasting political experiments. Prerequisite: upper-division standing.

### Format

The class will meet twice a week for the duration of the quarter. Class sessions will be conducted as lectures. The lectures will review the concepts discussed in these readings, but should be taken neither as a *duplication* nor as a substitute for them. In other words, you should not assume that because you came to class, you can skip the readings, and/or that because you made the readings you may not attend the lectures.

### Assignments

Each week students are expected to read the materials. The formal examinations consist of a mid-term exam in week three and a final exam at the end of the term. The midterm exam accounts for 35% of the final grade and the final exam accounts for 50% of the final grade. Discussion and general class participation accounts for the remaining 15%. Extensions, incompletes, etc. will be given in accordance with UCSD policy. Except under **very pressing circumstances**, they will be discouraged.

## Course Policies

*Academic Integrity.* Students in this course are expected to comply with UCSD's Policy on Integrity of Scholarship. In particular, plagiarism is considered a dishonest practice and a serious academic offense. Hence, there will be a zero tolerance policy with respect to these practices: any student violating the obligation of academic integrity during the term will automatically fail the class. Copies of the current version of the UCSD Policy on Integrity of Scholarship, also commonly referred to as the Academic Dishonesty Policy, may be found on the Academic Senate webpage: <http://www-senate.ucsd.edu/AcademicIntegrity/AcademicIntegrity.htm>

*Disabilities.* If you have a disability that requires special testing accommodations or other classroom modifications, you need to notify both me and the Office for Students with Disabilities (OSD). You may be asked to provide documentation of your disability to determine the appropriateness of accommodations. To notify the OSD, call (858) 534-4382 to schedule an appointment.

## Course Materials

Readings are drawn from one book available for purchase. Additional readings include a few articles/book chapters (marked with an \*); these will be made available by the instructor through WebCt.

## Required Book

Skidmore, Thomas, Peter Smith and James Green. 2010. *Modern Latin America, Seventh edition.* New York: Oxford University Press (hereafter: Textbook).

## Course Outline and Readings

### *Week 1 (June 27 - July 1)*

Monday June 27: General Introduction (Textbook, ch. 1).

Wednesday June 29: Argentina (Textbook, ch.9).

### *Week 2 (July 4 - July 8)*

Monday July 4: NO CLASS (Independence Day)

Wednesday July 6: Brazil (Textbook, ch. 11).

*Week 3 (July 11 - July 15)*

Monday July 11: Chile (Textbook, ch.10).

Wednesday July 13: **Midterm Exam**

*Week 4 (July 18 - July 22)*

Monday July 18: Authoritarianism.

- \* Collier, David. 1979. "Overview of the Bureaucratic-Authoritarian Model," in David Collier (Ed.). *The New Authoritarianism in Latin America*. Princeton: Princeton University Press.

Wednesday July 20: Democratization.

- \* Karl, Terry Lynn. 1990. "Dilemmas of Democratization in Latin America," in *Comparative Politics*, Vol. 23, No. 1: 1-21.

*Week 5 (July 25 - July 29)*

Monday July 25: Market-Oriented Reforms.

- \* Bresser Pereira, Luiz Carlos. 1993. "Economic reforms and economic growth: efficiency and politics in Latin America," in Luiz Carlos Bresser Pereira, José María Maravall, and Adam Przeworski (eds.). *Economic Reforms in New Democracies: A Social-Democratic Approach*. New York: Cambridge University Press.

Wednesday July 27: Left Turn?

- \* Matthew R. Cleary, Matthew. 2006. "Explaining the Left's Resurgence," in *Journal of Democracy* Vol. 17, No. 4: 35-49.
- \* Leiras, Marcelo. 2007. "Latin America's Electoral Turn: Left, Right, and Wrong," in *Constellations*, Vol. 14, No. 3: 398-408.