

Latin America in Global Affairs

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This course explores how Latin American countries have both reacted and contributed to changing international dynamics over the last 30 years. It does so by providing a comprehensive picture of Latin America's global engagement by looking at specific processes and issues that link governments and other actors within the region and beyond.

The course begins with a section on theoretical approaches that helps make sense of Latin America's place in global affairs. Other sections focus on the main countries, actors, issues and foreign policymaking practices that shape the region's position in the world. The course sheds light on the complexity of the international relations of selected countries in the region, and on their efforts to act multilaterally in an ever more complex and changing world.

Course Objectives:

1. To learn how to use analytical tools to critically engage with any substantive claim on the international relations of Latin America.
2. To introduce you to the main debates, core issues, actors and processes shaping the region's international relations.
3. To improve your ability to communicate your ideas effectively in writing and through speaking.

Readings:

All required readings are published in the item below unless otherwise noted.

Domínguez, Jorge I. and Ana Covarrubias, eds., *Routledge Handbook of Latin America in the World* (Routledge, 2014).

Week 1. Review of the Course and Introduction

Skidmore, Thomas and Peter H. Smith, "Why Latin America?," in Thomas Skidmore and Peter H. Smith, *Modern Latin America* Eight Edition (Oxford University Press, 2013).

The Economist, "Nobody's backyard," September 9, 2010.

The Economist, "So near and yet so far: A special report on Latin America," September 9, 2010.

Week 2. Making Sense of the International Relations of Latin America I

Tickner, Arlene B., "Autonomy and Latin American International Relations Thinking."

Escudé, Carlos, "Realism in the Periphery."

Phillips, Nicola, "The Dynamics of Asymmetrical Development: Latin America in the Global Economy."

Santa-Cruz, Arturo, "Liberalism, Constructivism, and Latin American Politics since the 1990s."

Cardoso, Fernando H., and Enzo Faletto, *Dependency and Development in Latin America* (University of California Press, 1979).

Galeano, Eduardo, *Open Veins of Latin America: Five Centuries of the Pillage of a Continent*, 25 Anniversary Edition (Monthly Review Press, 1997).

Week 3. Making Sense of the International Relations of Latin America II

Malamud, Andrés, "Presidentialist Decision Making in Latin American Foreign Policy: Examples from Regional Integration Decisions."

Russell, Roberto and Juan Gabriel Tokatlian, "Argentina's Foreign Policy."

Norden, Deborah and Roberto Russell, "The Making of Foreign Policy: Competing Models in the United States and Argentina," in Deborah Norden and Roberto Russell, *The United States and Argentina: Changing Relations in a Changing World* (New York, NY: Routledge, 2002).

Hirst, Monica and Maria Regina Soares de Lima, "Re-thinking Global and Domestic Challenges in Brazilian Foreign Policy."

Corrales, Javier and Carlos A. Romero, "Venezuela's Foreign Policy, 1920s-2010s."

Fernandez de Castro, Rafael, "Decision Making in Mexican Foreign Policy."

Mares, David, and Francisco Rojas Aravena, "Domestic Factors in Foreign Policy," in David Mares and Francisco Rojas Aravena, *United States and Chile: Coming in from the Cold* (New York, NY: Routledge, 2001).

Alzugaray, Carlos, "Cuba's External Projection: The Interplay between International Relations Theory and Foreign Policy Analysis."

Week 4. Extra-Regional Actors I

United States:

Williams, Mark E., "The United States and Latin America."

García, Leani, "Latin America's Changing Global Connections," available at <http://americasquarterly.org/charticles/Latin-Americas-Changing-Global-Connections/>

Hakim, Peter, "Is Washington Losing Latin America?" *Foreign Affairs* (January/February 2006).

China:

Myers, Margaret, "Shaping Chinese Engagement in Latin America."

García, Leani, "Latin America's Changing Global Connections," available at <http://americasquarterly.org/charticles/Latin-Americas-Changing-Global-Connections/>

Wise, Carol, "China's Free Trade Agreements in South America," *Economic Brief* (Washington, DC: Inter-American Dialogue, 2013), available at http://www.thedialogue.org/uploads/China_in_LA/ChinasFreeTradeAgreementsinSouthAmerica.pdf

Bräutigam, Deborah and Kevin Gallagher, "Bartering Globalization: China's Commodity-backed finance in Africa and Latin America," *Global Policy*. Article first published online: 29 JUN 2014.

Kotschwar, Barbara and Jeffrey J. Schott, "The Next Big Thing? The Trans-Pacific Partnership and Latin America," *Americas Quarterly* (Spring 2013), available at <http://www.americasquarterly.org/next-big-thing-trans-pacific-partnership>

Week 5. Extra-Regional Actors II

Europe:

Gratius, Susanne, "Latin America's Relations with Europe: A Stable but Limited and Fragmented Partnership."

Japan:

Yamaoka, Kanako, "Japan's Relations with Latin America and the Caribbean: Broad Changes under Globalization."

Week 6. Non-State Actors

Keck, Margaret E. and Kathryn Sikkink, *Activists Beyond Borders: Advocacy Networks in International Politics* (Cornell University Press, 1997), Chs. 1, 3-5.

Sirkin, Harold L., "Enter the 'Multilatinas'," *BloombergBusinessweek* (December 28, 2010), available at http://www.businessweek.com/managing/content/dec2010/ca20101213_949366.htm

Week 7. Oral Presentations I and Mid-Term

No assigned readings.

Week 8. Integration and Multilateralism I

Estevadeordal, Antoni, Paolo Giordano, and Barbara Ramos, "Trade and Economic Integration."

Pastor, Robert A., "North America."

Malnight, Joshua and Etel Solingen, "Turning Inward: Ruling Coalitions and Mercosur's Retrenchment."

Gomez-Mera, Laura, "Explaining Mercosur's survival: strategic sources of Argentine-Brazilian convergence," *Journal of Latin American Studies* 37 (1, 2005): 109-140.

Week 9. Integration and Multilateralism II

Saltalamacchia Ziccardi, Natalia, "Regional Multilateralism in Latin America: UNASUR, ALBA, and CELAC."

Legler, Thomas, "Beyond Reach? The Organization of American States and Effective Multilateralism."

García-Sayán, Diego, "The Inter-American Court of Human Rights: Its Decisive Impact on Latin American Rights."

COHA, "The G20 and Latin America: A 'Rendezvous with Destiny' or a False Start?" *Council on Hemispheric Affairs* (Washington, DC: April 2009), available at <http://www.coha.org/the-g20-and-latin-america-a-%E2%80%9Crendezvous-with-destiny%E2%80%9D-or-a-false-start/>

Week 10. Issues in Latin America's International Relations I: Human Rights, Nuclear Politics, Trade Liberalization and the Global Financial Order

Sikkink, Kathryn, "Latin America and the Idea of International Human Rights."

Hymans, Jacques E. C., "The Dynamics of Nuclear Politics: Lessons from Latin America."

Pianta, Mario, "Slowing Trade: Global Activism Against Trade Liberalization," *Global Policy* 5 (2, May 2014): 214-221.

Huotari, Mikko and Thilo Hanemann, "Emerging Power and Change in the Global Financial Order," *Global Policy*. Article first published online: 7 MAY 2014

Goldstein, Andrea, "The Political Economy of Global Businesses: The Case of the BRICs," *Global Policy* 4 (2, May 2013): 162-172.

Week 11. Issues in Latin America's International Relations I: Drugs, Illicit Trade, and the Environment

Andreas, Peter and Angelica Duran Martinez, "The International Politics of Drugs and Illicit Trade in the Americas."

Hochstetler, Kathryn, "Latin America in Global Environmental Governance."

Johnson, Keith, "Coke Brothers," *Foreign Policy* (July 22, 2014).

Week 12. Issues in Latin America's International Relations III: Migration, Security, Human Security and Businesses.

Délano, Alexandra, "Migration in the Americas."

Mares, David R., "Inter-state Security Issues in Latin America."

Kvesic, Ivana, "Interview with Aaron Cohen, Co-Author of *Slave Hunter: One Man's Global Quest to Free Victims of Human Trafficking*," *Perspectives on Global Issues* 4 (2, Spring 2010).

Herrero, Gustavo, "Business beyond Boundaries in Latin America: The Power of Multinationals and Innovative Practices to Address Growth and Social Advancement."

Week 13. Oral Presentations II and Final