

CENTRE FOR CANADIAN US & LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES
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JAWAHARLAL NEHRU UNIVERSITY
PhD COURSE

Course No.	:	AW 604
Course Title	:	Government and Politics in Latin America
Instructor	:	Dr Aprajita Kashyap
Credits Allotted	:	Three
Instructional Method	:	Lectures/ Seminars/ Novels/ Documentaries
Evaluation Method	:	Class Participation (10%); Sessional Work (Term Paper and Mid-term Examination (40%) End-term Examination (50%)
Semester	:	Monsoon
Course duration	:	One Semester
Contact Hours	:	3 per week

Course Objective

The focus of the course would be on comprehending the basic features of the governments and political institutions in the region. This would be attempted by examining the political dynamics, political culture and the major actors (including the new social and political movements) in policymaking. The background knowledge, thus acquired, can be extrapolated to understand contemporary national, regional and international issues. Given the fact that there are a large number of countries within the region, the main emphasis would be on developments within Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Mexico, Peru, Nicaragua and Cuba.

Course Content

Theme 1: Political Dynamics of Latin American Countries

- Historical view of political experiences of Latin American and Caribbean countries
- Political Approaches: Populism and Bureaucratic Authoritarianism
- Political Culture; Twentieth Century Movements in Thought and Politics
- Social Changes generating New Forces

Theme 2: Political Institutions in Policymaking

- Changing Power Structure and the Process of Decision-making
- Nature and Role of Legislature, Executive and Judiciary
- Process of Elections and their regulations
- Structure and Regulation of Political Parties

Theme 3: Actors in the Political System

- Church and the State
- Civil Society and New Social Movements
- Labour Movements and Labour Organisations
- Pandemic and Governance (with focus on federal countries)

Theme 4: Foreign Policy Facets

- Foreign Policy: Processes, Institutions and Domestic Inputs
- Inter-American Relations in the Cold War; Post-Cold War; and Post 9/11 Period
- World View of Latin America: OAS, UN, EU
- India-Latin America Relations

Learning Outcomes

By the end of this course, the students will be able to understand the unique political dynamics within Latin America. They would be able to build their understanding of the political spectrum within this region. The grasping of ideas and concepts related to governance would equip them to do a comparative study with India.

Suggested Readings

Theme 1: Political Dynamics of Latin American Countries

Bethell, Leslie, ed. (2008), *The Cambridge History of Latin America: 1930 to the Present*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

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Schmitter, P. C. (1972), "Paths to Political Development in Latin America", *Proceedings of the Academy of Political Science*, 30 (4):83-105.

Weyland, K. (2001), "Clarifying a Contested Concept: Populism in the Study of Latin American Politics", *Comparative Politics*, 34(1): 1-22.

Theme 2: Political Institutions in Policymaking

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Di Tella and S. Torcuato (2003), *History of Political Parties in Twentieth-Century Latin America*, New Brunswick, NJ: Transaction Publishers.

Keogh, Dermot (1990), *Church and Politics in Latin America*, New York: Palgrave Macmillan.

Mantilla, Luis Felipe (2016), "Church-State Relations and the Decline of Catholic parties in Latin America", *Journal of Religious and Political Practice*, 2(2): 231-248.

Munck, Ronaldo and Edward C. Epstein (1990), "Labour Autonomy and the State in Latin America", *Bulletin of Latin American Research*, 9(2):297.

Pereira, C., et al. (2011), "Political Institutions, Policymaking, and Policy Stability in Latin America", *Latin American Politics and Society*, 53(1): 59-89.

Roxborough, Ian (1981), "The Analysis of Labour Movements in Latin America: Typologies and Theories", *Bulletin of Latin American Research*, 1(1): 81-95.

Theme 3: Actors in the Political System

Black, Jan Knippers (1984), *Latin America: Its Problems and Its Promise*, Boulder: Westview Press.

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Eckstein, Susan (1989), *Power and Popular Protest: Latin American Social Movements* Berkeley: University of California Press.

González, L. I. (2008). "Political Power, Fiscal Crises, and Decentralization in Latin America: Federal Countries in Comparative Perspective (And Some Contrasts with Unitary Cases)", *Publius*, 38 (2):211-247.

Larkin, B. R. (2012), "Review of the History of the Catholic Church in Latin America: From Conquest to Revolution and Beyond", *Church History*, 81(2): 436-438.

Millet, Richard L., et al. (2009), *Latin American Democracy: Emerging Reality or Endangered Species?*, New York: Routledge.

Pion-Berlin, D., and R. Martínez (2017), *Soldiers, Politicians, and Civilians: Reforming Civil-*

Military Relations in Democratic Latin America, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Rosenn, K. S. (1987), “The Protection of Judicial Independence in Latin America”, *the University of Miami Inter-American Law Review*, 19 (1): 1-35.

Sapienza, Emanuele (2021), “COVID-19, Democratic Governance and the 'barely middle class' in Latin America”, *Development Future Series*, UNDP.

Scartacini, Carlos et al, eds. (2010), *How Democracy Works: Political Institutions, Actors and Arenas in Latin American Policymaking*, Washington D.C.: IDB.

Walker, L. D., and G. Kehoe (2013), “Regime Transition and Attitude toward Regime: The Latin American Gender Gap in Support for Democracy”, *Comparative Politics*, 45(2):187-205.

Theme 4: Foreign Policy Facets

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Caro, V. S. (2014), *India, Latin America: An alliance for the Future*, New Delhi: Vitasta.

Giannini, R. A. (2015), *Lessons to be shared: from Latin America to the world. In Where is Latin America?: Reflections on Peace, Security, Justice and Governance in the Post-2015 Sustainable Development Agenda*, Rio de Janeiro, Igarape Institute.

Hartlyn, Jonathan, Lars Schoultz, and Augusto Varas, eds. (1992), *The United States and Latin America in the 1990s: Beyond the Cold War*, Chapel Hill: The University of North Carolina Press.

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Whitaker, Arthur P. (1976), *The United States and the Southern Cone: Argentina, Chile and Uruguay*, Cambridge, Massachusetts: Harvard University Press.