

Politique de l'Amérique latine

Lecturer

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Course mnemonic

POLI-D509

ECTS credits

5 credits

Language(s) of instruction

French

Course period

Second term

Course content

This course studies the different regimes of Latin America, enlightened by the heritage of colonialism, independence movements and agro-exportation oligarchies: populism, socialist and revolutionary alternatives, authoritarian and military regimes, transitions to democracy, neo-liberalism and the recomposition of the Social State, neo-populism and emergence of the Lefts. The course is also concerned by the different systems of representation of interests (corporatism and clientelism) and by the social movements (urban, rural, women and feminist, indigenous), in their relation to the construction of citizenship. It retraces the major orientations of Latin American political history and focuses on several case studies which illustrate those orientations. The Latin American policy is also put into perspective with the socio-economical transformations in the region: the agro-exportation model, the substitution of exportations model, the neo-liberalism and the regional integration.

Objectives (and/or specific learning outcomes)

General objectives: 1. The course tries to familiarize students with the social and political relationships characteristic of Latin America, by insisting on the diversity and on the interdependence of the region; 2. It gives students the opportunity to grasp the socio-political issues which have dominated Latin America from the 1930's to the present day, putting them into perspective with the various modes of development the region has known. Specific objective: to acquire a global knowledge of the concepts and models of analysis that have influenced Latin American studies in socio-political sciences. Students should be able at the end of the course to grasp the socio-political issues that are necessary to engage in a research work on Latin America at a graduate level.

Teaching method and learning activities

The course contains 12 two-hours lectures, each made of two parts. The first part is taught ex-cathedra while the second consists in discussions on the subjects previously treated. The ex-cathedra part is based essentially on two books, the reading of which is compulsory and on an overhead projection of the course detailed plan. The discussion of the different themes treated ex-cathedra is based on the questions raised by the students. Each lecture provides a specific bibliography available to those who want to make further readings.

References, bibliography and recommended reading

A specific bibliography shall be given for each chapter, as well as the references to two mandatory readings

Other information

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Evaluation method(s)

Other

Evaluation method(s) (additional information)

A written "open book" examination of two hours. Evaluation criteria: quality of expression (10%), capacity of synthesis (45%), capacity of argumentation (45%).

Programmes

Programmes proposing this course at the faculty of Philosophy and Social Sciences

MA-ANTR | **Master in Anthropology** | finalité Professional/unit 1 and finalité Professional/unit 2, MA-COOP | **Master in Population and development studies** | finalité Professional/unit 1 and finalité Professional/unit 2, MA-HHAAR | **Master in History of Art and Archaeology : General** | finalité Teaching/unit 2, finalité Archaeological practice/unit 2, finalité Museums and preservation of the furniture heritage/unit 2 and finalité Art Worlds and Visual Culture/unit 2, MA-HHIST | **Master in History** | finalité Teaching/unit 1, finalité Teaching/unit 2, finalité History and governments/unit 1, finalité History and governments/unit 2, finalité Archiving/unit 1 and finalité Archiving/unit 2, MA-PINT | **Master in Political Sciences : International Relations** | finalité Security, peace, conflicts/unit 2, finalité World/unit 2 and finalité Globalisation and public policies/unit 2 and MA-POLI | **Master in Political Sciences : General** | finalité Political

Communication/unit 1, finalité Political Communication/unit 2, finalité
Democratic Challenges/unit 1 and finalité Democratic Challenges/unit 2

