

REVISED SYLLABUS INTL # 4380 Spring 2009

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Latin American Political Systems

Baldwin Hall, Room 301

Texts: Howard J. Wiarda and Harvey Kline, *Latin American Politics and Development*, 6th edition (LAPD) – 2007, Westview Press; same authors/editors, *A Concise Introduction to Latin American Politics and Development*, 2nd edition – 2007, Westview Press.

Requirements

Three book reports (5-7 pp.); consult your textbooks for suggested readings

Midterm and final exam

Class attendance and participation

Students will be responsible for all readings listed below as well as those given or assigned in class

Grade and book report details given in class

Office hours, Tues. and Thurs., 10:50-noon and by appointment, Baldwin #101 F

January 8 – 15

Latin American Politics and Development

Read all Introductory Text

January 20

Review of Introductory Text

January 22 - 27

Paraguay: The Long Shadow of War

Read LAPD chapter 13

January 29 – February 5

Brazil: Disorder and Progress

Read LAPD chapter 7

February 10

*First Book Report Due

February 10-12

Bolivia: Transitional Politics

Read LAPD Chapter 14

February 17-19

Costa Rica: Experiment in Democracy

Read LAPD Chapter 18

February 24-26

Venezuela: Challenges to Democracy and Economy
Read LAPD chapter 11

March 3 - MIDTERM

March 5 and 17

Peru: Challenges of Economy and Terrorism
Read LAPD chapter 11

March 9-13 Spring Break

March 17

*Second Book Report Due

March 19-26

Mexico: Challenges of History and Proximity
Read LAPD chapter 16

April 2 - 7

Challenges to Democracy and Economy: Chile
Read LAPD chapter 8

April 9

*Third Book Report Due

April 9 - 16

Challenges of History and Size: Politics in Small, Island Countries: Dominican Republic,
Haiti, Cuba
Read LAPD chapter 23, 25, 17

April 21 - 28

Challenges to Democracy: Latin America and the World
Review
Read Introductory Text – chapters 8, 9

May 7 (from 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.) - FINAL