

CENTRE FOR THE STUDY OF THE AMERICAS  
SCHOOL OF INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

Course	:	PhD
Course No.	:	AW659
Course Title	:	Brazil in Global Affairs
Course Type (Core/Optional)	:	Optional
Course Teacher	:	Dr. Anshu Joshi
Credits Allotted	:	4 (Four)
Semester	:	Monsoon Semester
Contact hours	:	4 per week

### **Course Objective**

The objective of this course is to trace the diplomatic history of Brazil and examine political, social and economic processes that have helped in shaping Brazil as a regional power in Latin America. It involves major socio-political and economic issues in Brazil. The course also intends to look at India-Brazil relations since 1947 emphasizing on multi-faced dimensions (political, social, economic and cultural). Brazil is playing a significant role in world politics today, and the course is designed to cover various aspects in this regard so that the students can understand multi-dimensional role of Brazil in global affairs.

### **Learning Outcomes**

The course provides comprehensive knowledge about the diplomatic history of Brazil, its political, social and economic processes and structures; and its place in the world. The course also aims to provide a thorough understanding to the students about India-Brazil relations since 1947, related aspects and how both the countries are working to become global powers.

### **Evaluation Methods**

Term Paper (30%)  
Presentation (20%)  
End-semester Examination (50%)

### **Course Content**

### **Theme 1: Diplomatic history of Brazil**

- Pre-colonial history
- Colonial history

### **Theme 2: Brazil in post-colonization era**

- Political, economic and social structures of Brazil post colonization (1820-1880)
- The Republican order 1889-1930
- Getulio Vargas era-1930-1954 (The Revolution of 1930; Estado Novo; the coffee economy and the beginning of the industrialization process; Labor reforms under Vargas; populism)
- Political and economic developments from 1955-1964 (Kubitschek, Quadros and Goulart)
- The role of military in Brazilian Politics (1964-1985)
- Re-democratization and the return of civilian government (1985 onwards)
- Brazil in the 21<sup>st</sup> century

### **Theme 3: Brazil as an emerging regional power**

- Role of Brazil in various regional alliances (MERCOSUL, UNASUR, CELAC etc.)
- Present challenges in the region and Brazilian response (Food and energy security, narcoterrorism, environment, economic security, regional integration)

### **Theme 4: Brazil as an emerging global power**

- Global ambitions of Brazil
- Foreign Policy of Brazil
- Brazil & global powers (US, Russia, China)
- Global objectives and Brazil (Environmental issues, security issues, economic collaborations)
- Role of Brazil in various global alliances (UN, WTO, BRICS, IBSA, G20, OECD etc.)

### **Theme 5: India-Brazil relations since 1947**

- Diplomatic relations
- Defence and strategic relations
- Economic relations
- Cultural relations

### **Select Readings**

## **Theme 1**

Leslie Bethell (ed.), *The Cambridge History of Latin America, Volume 9* (Cambridge University Press, 2008).

Joseph Smith, *A History of Brazil, Edition 1* (Routledge Publications, 2002).

## **Theme 2**

Leslie Bethell (ed.), *The Cambridge History of Latin America, Volume 9* (Cambridge University Press, 2008).

Stanley J. Stein, *Vassouras: A Brazilian Coffee County, 1850-1890: The Roles of Planter and Slave in a Changing Plantation Society* (New York: Athenium, 1974).

Miguel Arraes, *Brazil: The People and the Power* (Pelican, 1972).

Hentschke, Jens R. (Ed.), *Vargas and Brazil: New Perspectives* (New York: Palgrave MacMillan, 2006). 306 pp.

Thomas E. Skidmore, *Politics in Brazil, 1930-1964: An Experiment in Democracy* (Oxford University Press, 1967).

Rafael Rossotto Ioris and Antonio Augusto Rossotto Ioris, "Assessing development and the idea of development in the 1950s in Brazil," *Brazilian Journal of Political Economy*, Vol. 33, no. 3, July-September/2013, pp. 411-426.

David Collier (ed.), *The New Authoritarianism in Latin America* (Princeton University Press, 1980).

Boris Fausto and Sergio Fausto, *A Concise History of Brazil* (Cambridge University Press, 2014, second edition).

Frances Hagopian and Scott Mainwaring, "Democracy in Brazil: Origins, Problems, Prospects", Working Paper #100, September 1987.

## **Theme 3**

Maria Regina Soares de Lima and Monica Hirst, "Brazil as an Intermediate State and Regional Power: Challenges and Opportunities," *International Affairs*, Vol. 82, No. 1, January 2006.

Roett, Riordan, *The New Brazil* (Washington, D.C. : Brookings Institution Press, 2011).

## **Theme 4**

R. Narayanan, "Brazil's Changing Global Equations", *India Quarterly*, Vol. LXIII, Issue 1, 2007, pp. 21-56.

Monica Hirst, *An Overview of Brazilian Foreign Policy in the 21st Century*, SAIIA Policy Briefing, November 2009.

Joseph Smith, *Brazil and the United States: convergence and divergence* (Athens, Ga. 2010).

Monica Hirst, *Understanding Brazil-United States Relations: Contemporary History, Current Complexities and Prospects For The 21st Century*, Ministry of External Affairs, Brasilia, 2013.

Adriana Erthal Abdenur, "Brazil as a Rising Power: Coexistence through Universalism", in *The BRICS and Coexistence: An Alternative Vision of World Order* (New York: Routledge, 2015).

Roberto P. Guimaraes, *The Ecopolitics of Development in the Third World: Politics and Environment in Brazil* (Boulder: Lynne Rienner, 1991).

## **Theme 5**

India-Brazil bilateral relations, report by the Government of India,  
[https://mea.gov.in/Portal/ForeignRelation/Brazil\\_bilateral\\_brief\\_Jan\\_2020.pdf](https://mea.gov.in/Portal/ForeignRelation/Brazil_bilateral_brief_Jan_2020.pdf)

Embassy of India Website: <https://eoibrasilia.gov.in/>

Vazquez, Karin Costa, *Brazil-India Relations, beyond 70 Years*, Alexandre de Gusmão Foundation, 2019).

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**\*The list is dynamic in nature.**