

**Centre for Canadian, US & Latin American Studies
School of International Studies**

Course	:	M.A. Politics (International Studies) (PISM)
Course No.	:	IS 574N
Course Title	:	Foreign Policies of Major Latin American Countries
Course Type	:	Optional
Course Teacher	:	Dr. Priti Singh
Credits	:	4
Semester	:	Winter (fourth)
Contact Hours	:	4 per week

Course Objectives

Latin American foreign policy will be studied in the context of the dynamics of the political systems in the countries concerned as expressed in the power structure and political behavior and the current national policy problems. Attention will be given to major countries in the diverse issues faced by these countries including the Caribbean.

Learning Outcomes

The student is expected to develop a well-balanced thought process and analytical skills to be able to examine different issues of concern and interest in the Latin American region especially with respect to sustainable development, environmental politics, regional groupings, security issues including energy, nuclear and migration. The student should be able to evaluate and draw conclusions from global political debates applied to the Latin American region. The student should be able to reflect on these issues in the context of the Indian foreign policy perspective.

Evaluation Method

Sessional work: Class participation (10%) and term paper (40%)

End-Semester Examination: (50%)

Course Content

Theme I: Latin America in the international political system

Approaches to understanding Latin America foreign policies;
Understanding a political system; Latin America as a regional sub-system; different eras in the Latin American sub-system

Theme II: Latin America and the United States

- a) Latin America and the United States in 19th century—Monroe doctrine, US interventionism, pan-Americanism, OAS
- b) Latin America-United States relations in the aftermath of the Cold War—issues and trends

- Theme III: Latin America in the international political economy**
Importance of resources; dependency and modernization theories
- Theme IV: Multilateralism and regionalism in Latin America**
Patterns in regional integration: economy, politics and diplomacy
- Theme V: Security issues in Latin America**
Rio Treaty, Tlatelolco and NPT; traditional and Non-traditional security challenges in Latin America; Geo-politics of the Caribbean
- Theme VI: Latin America and India**
Diplomatic history; political ties; trade and investments
- Theme VII: Latin America and the international politics of environment**
Awareness of environmental issues; significance of Brazil in global environmental politics for Latin America; current issues of climate change and deforestation
- Theme VIII: Foreign policy of select countries in Latin America and Caribbean**
Brazil; Mexico; Chile; Caribbean

Readings:

Theme I:

Atkins, G. Pope, *Latin America and the Caribbean in the International System*, (Boulder, Co: Westview Press, 1999) ; Chapter 1

Davis, Harold Eugene, Larman C. Wilson and others, *Latin American Foreign Policies: An Analysis* (Baltimore: John Hopkins, 1975)

Theme II:

Atkins, G. Pope, *Latin America and the Caribbean in the International System*, (Boulder, Co: Westview Press, 1999) ; Chapter 2

Hall, Anthony and D. Goodman (eds.), *After the Washington Consensus: Restarting Growth and Reform in Latin America* (Institute for International Economics, 2003)

Munoz, Heraldo and Joseph S. Tulchin (eds.), *Latin American Nations in World Politics* (Boulder, CO: Westview Press, 1996)

Smith, Peter H., *Talons of the Eagle: Dynamics of U.S.-Latin American Relations*. (2nd edition) New York: Oxford University Press, 2000.

Birdsall, Nancy, and Augusto de la Torre, "Washington Contentious: Economic Policies for Social Equity in Latin America", Washington: Carnegie Endowment for International Peace and Inter-American Dialogue, 2001.

Shaw, Carolyn, "Limits to Hegemonic Influence in the Organisation of American States", *Latin American Politics and Society*, vol.45, no.3, 2003, pp.59-92.

Theme III:

Bagchi, Amiya Kumar, *The Political Economy of Underdevelopment* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1982), pp.41-68.

Dos Santos, Theotonio, "The Structure of Dependence," *American Economic Review*, vol. 60, issue 2, 1970, pp. 231-36.

Theme IV:

Wei, Shang-Jin and Jeffrey A. Frankel, "Open Regionalism in a World of Continental Trade Blocs," *IMF Staff Papers*, vol. 45, no. 3, September 1998.

Nafey, Abdul, "Politics and Diplomacy of Regionalism in Latin America", *India Quarterly*, vol. LX, no.s 1 & 2, January-June 2004, pp.32-56.

Theme V:

Narich, Richard, "Traditional and Non-Traditional Security Issues in Latin America: Evolution and Recent Developments", GCSP Occasional Paper, No.42, January 2003.

R. Narayanan, "The Caribbean in the Age of Globalisation", *India Quarterly*, Special Issue on the Caribbean, November 2004, pp.1-22.

Nafey, Abdul, "Security and Geo-politics in the Caribbean Basin: Post 9/11", *India Quarterly*, Special Issue on the Caribbean, November 2004, pp.23-74.

Theme VI:

Heine, Jorge, "Building Blocks of the New South: Latin American Integration and India", *India Quarterly*, vol. LX, no.s 1 & 2, January-June 2004, pp.1-19.

Faesler Carlisle, Julio, "India and Latin America: Rediscovering the Two Sub-continents", *India Quarterly*, vol. LX, no.s 1 & 2, January-June 2004, pp.20-31.

Monica Hirst, "Brazil-India Relations: A Reciprocal Learning Process", *South Asian Survey*, vol. 15, no.1, 2008, p. 143-164.

Theme VII:

Hurrell, Andrew, “Brazil and the International Politics of Amazonian Deforestation”, in Andrew Hurrell and Benedict Kingsbury (eds.), *International Politics of the Environment: Actors, Interests and Institutions* (Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1992).

Sanderson, Steven E., “Policies without Politics: Environmental Affairs in OECD-Latin American Relations in the 1990s”, in Jonathan Hartlyn et al., *The United States and Latin America in the 1990s: Beyond the Cold War* (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 1992).

Theme VIII:

Casarões, Guilherme Stolle Paixao e and Deborah Farias, “Brazilian Foreign Policy under Jair Bolsonaro: Far-right Populism and the Rejection of the Liberal International Order”, *Cambridge Review of International Affairs*, October 2021.

Malamud, Andres, “Foreign Policy under the Kirchners: Ideological, Pragmatic, or Simply Peronist?” In Gian Luca Gardini and Peter Lambert, *Latin American Foreign Policies: Between Ideology and Pragmatism* (Palgrave, 2011), pp. 87-102.

Oliver Stuenkel, “The Case for Stronger Brazil-India Relations”, *Indian Foreign Affairs Journal* , vol. 5, no. 3, July–September 2010, pp. 290-304.

Serrano, Lorena Oyarzun, “The Pacific in Chile’s Foreign Policy: A Tool to Reinforce Open Regionalism”, *Latin American Policy*, vol. 9, no.2, December 2018, pp.282-303.

Wagner, Jacqueline Anne Braveboy, “Caribbean Foreign Policy”, *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of International Studies*, March 2010, Oxford University Press.