

## **POL 475: Politics of the Andes**

**Fall 2005**

**Class Times: T/TT 10:00-11:15am**

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### ***Background and Course Objectives***

This course will examine the current political, social, and economic dynamics underway in Latin America's most troubled and violent region- the Andes. It will focus on five countries in particular- Venezuela, Peru, Ecuador, Colombia, and Bolivia. It is expected that students will gain a comprehensive understanding of the region's history and contemporary social, political, and economic dynamics.

Examples of some of the case studies that we will explore are: the phenomenon of the semi-authoritarian rule under Alberto Fujimori in Peru and the rise of a democratic opposition; President Hugo Chavez's "revolution" in Venezuela; indigenous social and political movements in Ecuador, Peru, and Bolivia; and Colombia's civil war.

### ***Course Description and Requirements***

Students will be required to write a significant research paper along with two medium length papers. Students are also required to distribute "talking points" at each class meeting. The talking points consist of three or four important concepts or impressions from the readings for that class meeting. Please distribute a copy of your talking points to each student in the class.

This seminar's success will be due in good part to the involvement and enthusiasm of the students and for this reason robust student participation is assumed. Students should do all of the reading each week and be prepared to discuss the material during class. Late papers will receive one lower grade for each day the paper is late.

### ***Materials***

Books and articles on reserve in the library are so noted in the course schedule. All articles are on electronic reserve; books listed that are not for sale are on physical reserve in the library. Students should purchase the following books and they are available in the college bookstore.

Vargas Llosa, Mario. *Death in the Andes*. Farrar, Straus, and Giroux, 1996.  
Garcia Marquez, Gabriel. *News of a Kidnapping*. Random House, 1998.

Alma Guillermoprieto. *The Heart That Bleeds: Latin America Now*. Vintage, 1994  
Crandall, Russell et al. *The Andes in Focus: Democracy, Security, and Economic Reform*.  
Lynne Rienner, 2005.  
Gaddis, John Lewis. *The Landscape of History: How Historians Map the Past*. Oxford,  
2004.  
Stephen Van Evera, *Guide to Methods for Students of Political Science*. Cornell, 1997.

### **Grading Break-Down**

Research Paper	60%
Papers	20%
Participation	20%

### **Course Schedule**

#### **August 23**

Introduction

#### **August 25**

##### ***The Andes in Historical Perspective***

Thomas Skidmore and Peter Smith. *Modern Latin America*. Oxford University Press,  
2005. Chs. 1-2.

Chalker, Adam and Crandall, Russell. "Its Own Clash: Latin America and Western  
Civilization." *In the National Interest*. 2004.

#### **August 30**

Crandall et al. Chs. 1, 9.

Crandall, Russell. "Latin America's Populist Temptation." *In the National Interest*.  
2004.

Weyland, Kurt. "Neoliberalism and Democracy in Latin America: A Mixed Record."  
*Latin American Politics and Society*, Vol. 46, No. 1, Spring 2004, pp. 135-152.

#### **September 1**

##### ***Peru***

Crandall et al. Ch. 4.

Alma Guillermoprieto. *The Heart That Bleeds: Latin America Now*. Read: "Lima, 1990"  
and "Lima 1993." **Film: *La Boca del Lobo*** (8 p.m.)

#### **September 7\*\* (1245hrs, note date)**

Mario Vargas Llosa. *Death in the Andes*.

Russell Crandall. "Peru Confronts its Terrorist Past." *The Wall Street Journal*. January  
31, 2003.

Isabel Hilton. "Letter from Peru: The Government is Missing." *New Yorker*. April 2001.

Russell Crandall and Akilah Jenga. "Retgression in the Andes." *Strategic Survey*.

International Institute for Strategic Studies. London. 2005. Peru section.

Truth and Reconciliation Commission. "Final Report." **Book Review Due**

**September 8****Ecuador**

Carlos de la Torre. "Leader of the Poor or Repugnant Other?" in *Populist Seduction in Latin America: The Ecuadorian Experience*.

Crandall et al. Ch. 6.

**September 13**

Russell Crandall and Akilah Jenga. "Retrogression in the Andes." *Strategic Survey*. Ecuador section.

**September 15****Bolivia**

Crandall et al. Ch. 3.

Alma Guillermoprieto. *The Heart That Bleeds: Latin America Now*. Read: "La Paz, 1992."

**September 20**

William Finnegan. "Leasing the Rain." *The New Yorker*. April 8, 2002.

Mallaby, Sebastian. "A Protest Teach-In Spoiled by the Facts." *The Wall Street Journal*. September 30, 2002.

"In U.S Drug War, Ally Bolivia loses ground to Coca Farmers." *The Wall Street Journal*. May 13, 2003.

"Bolivia Presents Energy Risk." *The Wall Street Journal*. May 31, 2005.

"Coca, Drugs, and Social Protest in Bolivia and Peru." *International Crisis Group*. 2005.

Russell Crandall and Akilah Jenga. "Retrogression in the Andes." *Strategic Survey*. Bolivia section.

**September 22****Venezuela**

Crandall et al. Ch. 5.

Moises Naim, "The Real Story Behind Venezuela's Woes." *Journal of Democracy* 12:2 April 2001.

**September 27**

Jon Lee Anderson. "The Revolutionary." *The New Yorker*. September 10, 2001.

Russell Crandall and Akilah Jenga. "Retrogression in the Andes." *Strategic Survey*. Venezuela section.

**September 29****Colombia**

Alma Guillermoprieto. *The Heart That Bleeds: Latin America Now*. Read: "Bogota 1989," "Medellin 1991," and "Bogota 1993."

Crandall et al. Ch. 2.

Russell Crandall and Akilah Jenga. "Retrogression in the Andes." *Strategic Survey*. Colombia section.

**October 4**

“Hostages for Prisoners.” International Crisis Group Report. March 2004.  
“War and Drugs in Colombia.” International Crisis Group Report. January 2005.  
Cynthia Arnson, ed. “The Social and Economic Dimensions of Conflict and Peace in Colombia.” Woodrow Wilson Center. October 2004.

**October 6**

Gabriel Garcia Marquez. *News of a Kidnapping*.

**Paper Due**

**October 13**

Stephen Van Evera. *Guide to Methods for Students of Political Science*.

**October 18**

*Guide to Methods for Students of Political Science*. Finish.

**October 20**

John Lewis Gaddis. *The Landscape of History*.

**October 25**

*The Landscape of History*. Finish.

**October 27**

Independent research.

**November 1**

Methodology presentations.

**November 3**

Methodology presentations.

**November 8**

Independent research.

**November 10**

Independent research.

**November 15**

Thesis statement presentations.

**November 17**

Thesis statement presentations.

**November 22**

Independent research.

**November 29**

Research paper presentations.

**December 1**

Research paper presentations.

**Research paper due.**