

The Evolution and Practice of U.S. Policy Toward Latin America

POL 345

Spring 2006

Class Times: Tues/Thurs. 1430-1545hrs

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Course Objectives

This course will examine the evolution of U.S. policy towards Latin America from the middle of the 19th century to the present day. It will combine diplomatic history and contemporary analysis to help anticipate the future path of U.S. hemispheric policy. There are no prerequisites for this course. However, a general understanding of 20th century American history is assumed. International Politics (POL 141) provides helpful, but certainly not critical preparation for this course.

Course Requirements

In addition to regular class participation, students will be required to sit for a mid-term and final review and complete several assignments. These assignments include: an extensive group-designed policy paper and oral presentation (more specific guidelines will be provided in class) and one medium-length paper. Late papers will receive one lower grade for each day the paper is late. (e.g. a paper turned in one day late goes from A to A-). The success of this course will be due in good part to the involvement and enthusiasm of the students and for this reason **student participation is assumed**.

In addition to the twice-weekly class meetings, we will meet periodically during the semester in order to view films. This semester these films are: *Thirteen Days*, *Traffic*, and *Panama Deception*. The dates for the viewing these films are noted on the class schedule.

Honor Code

Students will be expected to meet the requirements of this course while adhering to the tenets of the honor code. Unless otherwise stated, each student should complete the assignments without seeking assistance from others. Appropriate citation methods will be discussed during the course. Students should inquire with Dr. Crandall about any sort of student collaboration.

Materials

Books or articles on reserve in the library are so noted in the course schedule. Students should purchase the following books; they are available in the college bookstore. All other readings are on reserve (most on e-reserve) in the library. **Please notify Professor Crandall immediately if you are unable to locate a reserve reading.**

Shoultz, Lars. *Beneath the United States: A History of U.S. Policy Toward Latin America*. Harvard University Press, 1998.

Holden, Robert and Zolov, Eric, eds. *Latin America and the United States: A Documentary History*. Oxford University Press, 2000.

Crandall, Russell. *Driven by Drugs: U.S. Policy Toward Colombia*. Lynne Rienner, 2002.

Crandall, Russell. *Gunboat Democracy. U.S. Interventions in the Dominican Republic, Grenada, and Panama*. Rowman & Littlefield, 2006. (page proofs)

Grading Break-Down

Final Review	25%
Mid-term Review	20%
Essay	20%
Policy Paper	25%
Participation	10%

COURSE SCHEDULE

Tuesday 10 January

Introduction.

The 19th Century: Uncle Sam Consolidates and Expands

Thursday 12 January

Shoultz, Lars. *Beneath the United States*. Chs. 1,2.

Holden, Robert and Zolov, Eric, eds. *Latin America and the United States: A Documentary History*. No. 1-7.

The Splendid Little War and Emergence in the 20th Century

Tuesday 17 January

Shoultz, Chs. 3-6.

Chace, James. "Tomorrow the World." *The New York Review of Books*. November 21, 2002.

Holden and Zolov, 8-13.

Thursday, 19 January

Shoultz, Chs. 7-10.

Holden and Zolov, No. 14-37.

Baker, Russell. "The Performer." *The New York Review of Books*. April 11, 2002.

Tuesday, 24 January

Schoultz, Chs. 11-13

Holden and Zolov, No. 38, 39, 40, 41, 44, 45, 49, 50, 51, 52.

Thursday, 26 January

Library research methods.

Thursday, 2 February

Schoultz, Chs. 14-19.

Holden and Zolov, No. 53, 55, 57, 59, 61, 63, 67.

Urquhart, Brian. "Is There a Case for Little Wars?" *The New York Review of Books*. October 10, 2002.

Film: Thirteen Days (8pm)

Analytical Paper Due

JFK, LBJ, and Latin America

Tuesday, 31 January

Crandall, *Gunboat Democracy*. Introduction, Ch. 1.

Crandall, Russell. "A Stroll Down La Avenida Kennedy." Review in *SAIS Review* (Summer Fall 2000).

Holden and Zolov. No. 78, 81, 82, 83, 84, 90, 91, 92.

Nixon, Kissinger, and the Coup in Chile

Tuesday, 7 February

Treverton, Gregory. "Covert Intervention in Chile." *Pew Case Studies in Ethics and International Affairs*. 1990.

Holden and Zolov. No. 102.

Coup video.

Carter and Reagan in Central America

Thursday, 9 February

Carothers, Thomas. "Democracy by Transition: El Salvador." *In the Name of Democracy: U.S. Policy Toward Latin America in the Reagan Years*.

Video: America's Backyard (in class)

Holden and Zolov. No. 106, 107.

Kinzer, Stephen. "U.S. and Central America: Too Close for Comfort?" *New York Times*. July 28, 2002.

Tuesday, 14 February

Carothers. "Democracy by Force: Nicaragua." *In the Name of Democracy: US Policy Toward Latin America in the Reagan Years*.

Carothers, Thomas. *In the Name of Democracy*. Chapter on Chile.

Holden and Zolov. No. 108, 109.

The Invasion of Grenada

Thursday, 16 February

Crandall, *Gunboat Democracy*. Ch. 2.

Film: Panama Deception (8pm)

The Invasion of Panama

Tuesday, 21 February

Crandall, *Gunboat Democracy*. Finish.

Holden and Zolov. No. 113, 114, 115, 116.

Gonzalez, David. "12 Years Later, Scars of the U.S. Invasion Remain." *New York Times*.

November 3, 2001.

Wilson, Scott. "Yankee, Come Back." *The Washington Post*. October 3, 2002.

Transfer of Panama Canal video

Film: Fidel Castro (8pm)

Thursday, 23 February

Mid-term Review

The United States and Cuba

Tuesday, 7 March

Gilderhus, Mark. "Castro, Cuba, and Containment." *The Second Century: US-Latin American Relations Since 1889*.

Finnegan, William. "Castro's Shadow." *The New Yorker*. October 14, 2002.

Fisk, Daniel and Johnson, Stephen. "How to Help the People of Cuba, Not the Regime."

July 6, 2001.

Holden and Zolov. No. 110, 111, 112.

Thursday, 9 March

"Between Here and There." Special Report by *The Economist*.

Crandall, Russell. Review of Jaqueline Mazza's *Don't Disturb the Neighbors: The United States and Democracy in Mexico, 1980-1995*.

Holden and Zolov. No. 118, 119, 120, 117, 121, 122, 123, 124.

"Vision of the Security and Prosperity Partnership of North America." 2005.

"Building a North American Community." *Council on Foreign Relations Task Force*. 2005.

The United States in Colombia and the Andes

Tuesday, 14 March

Crandall, Russell. *Driven by Drugs*. Chs. 1-3.

Film: "Traffic" (8pm)

Thursday, 16 March

Crandall, Russell. *Driven By Drugs*. Finish.

Crandall, Russell. "Debating Plan Colombia." (Rejoinder) *Survival*. 43:5 Summer 2002.

Crandall, Russell. "In the War on Drugs Colombians Dies, Americans are Pardoned." *The Wall Street Journal*. April 21, 2001.

Contemporary Policy Issues**Tuesday, 21 March**

"Drugs and Democracy in Latin America: The Impact of U.S. Policy." *WOLA Special Report*. November 2004.

"Are We There Yet? Measuring Progress in the U.S. War on Drugs." *WOLA Drug War Monitor*. December 2004.

"Cracks in the Consensus: The UN Drug Control Debate." *WOLA Drug Control Monitor*. January 2004.

"Blueprint for a New Colombia Policy." March 2005.

Thursday, 23 March

Rice, Condoleezza. "Remarks at the Memorial Museum of Juscelino Kubitschek." 28 April 2005.

"Remarks to the Council of the Americas by Assistant Secretary of State Roger F. Noriega." 3 May 2005.

Inter-American Democratic Charter. September 11, 2001.

Crandall, Russell. "Taking Root: The Practicalities of Latin American Democracy." *The National Interest*. Winter 2005-06.

Ellis, Evan R. "Scenario for the Destabilization of Bolivia." Booz/Allen/Hamilton. 14 June 2005.

Tuesday, 28 March

Ellis, Evan R. "Scenarios for the Next Generation of Crises in Latin America." Booz/Allen/Hamilton. 23 June 2005.

Guillermoprieto, Alma. "Don't Cry for Me, Venezuela." *New York Review of Books*. 6 October 2005.

Guillermoprieto, Alma. "The Gambler." *New York Review of Books*. 20 October 2005.

Thursday, 30 March

U.S. Policy Presentation: Democracy/Multilaterals

Tuesday, 4 April

U.S. Policy Presentation: Immigration

Thursday, 6 April

U.S. Policy Presentation: Trade

Tuesday, 11 April

U.S. Policy Presentation: Financial Crises

Thursday, 13 April
U.S. Policy Presentation: War on Drugs

Thursday, 20 April
U.S. Policy Presentation: Security

Tuesday, 25 April
Final Examination Review, Policy Papers Due