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GLOBALIZATION AND INSECURITY IN THE AMERICAS
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Overview

This seminar offers students an introductory overview of Latin America and the Caribbean from the nexus between structural forces, such as globalization, and micro phenomena, such as individual security. It explores the interplay among environmental, economic, social, political, and cultural factors at that nexus.

The course opens with an introduction to the historical roots of underdevelopment in Latin America and the various theoretical and conceptual frameworks that contribute to understanding the region's social, economic and political realities. In the second part of the course, we will look at globalization and its consequences, with a focus on four key dimensions of human security and insecurity: economic, environmental, cultural and political. The third, and final, section examines how various actors, from students to sexual minorities to new political movements, are responding to these, real or perceived, threats and how such resistance is reshaping the social and political landscape in the region.

Course Format and Requirements

This course is structured in **virtual seminar format** through Zoom. As such, it is based on the active and sustained participation of students who are expected to have read all of the assigned material prior to class. This is necessary to have meaningful and fruitful debate and discussion. Participation is therefore a critical component of the course and its success depends upon it. Students are required to have a Zoom account.

The requirements for the course are as follows:

Participation:	20%
Presentation:	30%
Research Paper:	50%

Required Course Readings

Book for Purchase (Available at the University Bookstore and on course reserve).

Galeano, Eduardo H. 1997. *Open Veins of Latin America: Five Centuries of the Pillage of a Continent*. New York: Monthly Review Press. (25th Anniversary Edition.)

Or:

Galeano, Eduardo H. 2003. *Las Venas Abiertas de América Latina*. México, DF: Siglo XXI Editores.

We will be reading significant portions of the following books. They are on reserve in the library and two are accessible as **Electronic Books** as well.

Bhagwati, Jagdish. 2004. *In Defense of Globalization*. New York, NY: Oxford University Press.

Díez, Jordi. 2015. *The Politics of Gay Marriage in Latin America: Argentina, Chile and Mexico*. New York, NY: Cambridge University Press.

Or:

Díez, Jordi. 2018. *La política del matrimonio gay en América Latina: Argentina, Chile y México*. México, DF: Fondo de Cultura Económica.

Lupien, Pascal. 2018. *Citizens' Power in Latin America: Theory and Practice*. Albany, NY: SUNY Press.

Nef, Jorge. 1999. *Human Security and Mutual Vulnerability: The Global Political Economy of Development and Underdevelopment*. Ottawa: International Development Research Centre.