

11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Current US Policy in Recent Historical Perspective

Ambassador Alexander F. Watson, former Assistant Secretary of State, Western Hemisphere Affairs

Required Reading

Dominguez & Shifter, *Constructing Democratic Governance in Latin America*. pp. 351-381; 74-99

Recommended Reading

Skidmore and Smith, pp. 396-455

12:30-1:30 p.m.

Lunch

2:00-4:00 p.m.

US Trade Policy in the Region: Where is it Headed?

Mr. Eric Farnsworth, Vice President, Council of the Americas

Required Reading

Dominguez/Shifter, pp. 74-99

Vanden/Prevost, pp. 146-76

Recommended reading

Farnsworth Congressional Testimony, Hearing before House Foreign Affairs Committee, February 4, 2009- www.as-coa.org/article.php?id=1446

TUESDAY, MAY 19

8:30-9:00 a.m.

Review/ Preview

9:00-10:30 a.m.

Democratic Stability in the Region: The Cases of Argentina, Colombia and Chile

Amb. Planty, Dept. Chair: Maxwell International Relations Program

Required Reading

Vanden/Prevost, *Politics of Latin America: The Power Game*, pp. 437-481

Dominguez/Shifter, *Democratic Governance*, pp. 193-219

Diamond et al, *Democracy in Developing Countries: Latin America*, 2nd edition, Lynne Rienner, Boulder, 1999, pp. 71-129

Recommended Reading

Larry Diamond et al, eds. *Democracy in Developing Countries: Latin America*. 2nd edition, pp. 191-247

Skidmore and Smith, *Modern Latin America*, pp. 69-108

Skidmore and Smith, *Modern Latin America*, pp. 221-246

10:30-11:00 a.m.

Break

11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Democracy Promotion, the US and the Organization of American States (OAS)

Note: At the OAS, 17 St. & Constitution Ave. N.W., Salon Miranda

Ambassador Alfonso Quiñonez, Director General, Inter-American Agency for Cooperation and Development, OAS

Required Reading

OAS website www.oas.org, *The OAS in Brief* (<http://www.oas.org/key%5Fissues/eng/>) and *The OAS Structure* (<http://www.oas.org/documents/eng/structure.asp>)

Recommended Reading

Munoz, Heraldo and Vaky, Viron, *The Future of the Organization of American States*. New York: Twentieth Century Fund, 1993

Stottzer, Carlos, *The Organization of American States* 2nd ed. Westport: CT, Praeger, 1993.

12:30-1:30 p.m.

Lunch

2:00-4:00 p.m.

Development Challenges and Hemisphere Integration

Note: at the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), 1300 New York Ave., N.W.

Mr. Paolo Giordano, Trade and Development Department

Required Reading

Review IDB website- <http://www.iadb.org/>

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20

8:30-9:00 a.m.

Review/Preview

9:00-10:30 a.m.

The War on Drugs: Who is Winning?

Ambassador Johnson, Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement, US Dept. of State

Required Reading

Gamarra, *State, Drug Policy and Democracy in the Andes*. Inter-American Dialogue, June 2005, Reading Packet

Recommended Reading

R. Crandall, *Driven by Drugs: US Policy Toward Colombia*. Chapter 23

10:30-11:00 a.m.

Break

11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Bolivia: Evo Morales, the US and the Region

Ambassador Jaime Aparicio, former Bolivian Ambassador to the United States

Required Reading

Jorge I. Dominguez and Christopher N. Mitchell, *The Roads Are Not Taken: Institutionalization and Political Parties in Cuba and Bolivia*. New York: City University of New York, Comparative Politics Program, pp. 173-195

Recommended Reading

Olen E. Leonard, *Bolivia: Land, People and Institutions*. Washington: Scarecrow Press, 1952, Selected Pages

12:30-1:30 p.m.

Lunch

2:00-4:00 p.m.

The English Speaking Caribbean: How Does it Fit?

Mr. Anton Edmunds, Executive Director, Caribbean Central American Action

Required Reading

Skidmore & Smith, pp. 328-355

Diamond et al, pp. 469-518

Recommended Reading

Anthony P. Maingot and Wilfredo Lozano, *The United States & the Caribbean: Transforming Hegemony and Sovereignty*, New York: Routledge, 2005, Introduction, chapter 1 & conclusions.

THURSDAY, MAY 21

8:30-9:00 a.m. Review/ Preview

9:00-10:30 a.m. Prospects for Venezuela: US-Venezuelan Relations
Mr. Michael Shifter, Vice President, Inter-American Dialogue

Required Reading

Dominguez & Shifter, pp. 165-192

D. H. Levine & B. Crisp, "Venezuela" in Diamond et al, *Democracy in Developing Countries*, pp. 367-428

Recommended Reading

Chavez Decidedly Wins Bid to End Term Limits, New York Times article February 16, 2009

10:30-11:00 a.m. Break

11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Central America's Emergence: CAFTA and Beyond

Ambassador Francisco Villagran, Guatemalan Ambassador to the United States

Mr. Rafael Aguirre Sacasa, Central American businessman

Required Reading

Vanden/Prevost, pp. 253-283

Skidmore/Smith, pp. 356-395

Recommended Reading

John A. Booth and Thomas W. Walker, *Understanding Central America*, Westview, 1999, Chap. 6-9.

12:30-1:30 p.m. Lunch

2:00-4:00 p.m. Brazil's Special Role in the Region

Mr. Paolo Sotero, Director, Brazil Institute, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars

Required Reading

Dominguez/Shifter, pp. 269-291

Vanden/Prevost, pp. 483-511

Recommended Reading

Diamond et al, pp. 131-189

Skidmore/Smith 139-180

FRIDAY, MAY 22

8:30-9:00 a.m. Review/Preview

9:00-10:30 a.m. Prospects for Cuba

Ambassador Dennis Hays, former Director, Office of Cuban Affairs, US Dept. of State

Required Reading

Vanden/Prevost, pp. 325-355

Skidmore/Smith, pp. 296-327

Recommended Reading

Juan J. Lopez, *Democracy Delayed: The Case of Castro's Cuba*. Johns Hopkins University Press, 2002, Introduction, chap. 1 & conclusions.

10:30-11:00 a.m. Break

11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Calderon's Policies and US-Mexican Relations

Ambassador James Jones, Manatt Jones, Global Strategies, Washington D.C., Former US Ambassador to Mexico

Required Reading

Dominguez/Shifter, pp. 321-347

Vanden/Prevost, pp. 285-323

Recommended Reading

D.C. Levy & K. Bruha, "Mexico" in Diamond et al, *Democracy in Developing Countries*, pp. 519-573

12:30-1:30 p.m. Lunch

2:00-4:00 p.m. Human Rights in Latin America: How Are We Doing?
Mr. Jose Miguel Vivanco, President Human Rights Watch

Required Reading

Human Rights Watch Website, Americas section

SATURDAY, MAY 23

9:00-10:30 a.m. Looking Ahead: Trends in US/ Latin America Relations
Ambassador Planty

10:30-11:00 a.m. Break

11:00-12:00 p.m. Conclusion and Requirements for Final Paper

The Final Paper

The final paper shall be no more than 10 pages single spaced and will be due July 31, 2009. For the purposes of the paper, the student will assume the role of the US Assistant Secretary of State for Western Hemisphere Affairs, who is drafting a strategy paper for the Secretary of State outlining future US policy for Latin America.

The paper should have a brief Executive Summary at the beginning, include an analysis of key current issues and developments in the region and discuss how these issues/developments impact on US interests (defining US interests in the process), concluding with suggestions for future US policies.