

LATIN AMERICAN CIVILIZATIONS IN OAXACA III

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This intensive three-week course, taught at the University of Chicago's Study Abroad program in Oaxaca, is the third in a three-course sequence on the civilizations of Latin America, with special focus on Mexico and Oaxaca. Latin American Civilizations I covers pre-Columbian civilizations. Latin American Civilizations II focuses on the Hispanic centuries. Latin American Civilizations III covers the emergence of independent nations, Mexico in particular. The course covers the struggles for independence from Spain, the nineteenth-century dilemmas of nation building, the Mexican Revolution and subsequent reforms, and the contemporary period. Registration is by course number SOSC 19021, section 99. Work for the course will include class participation and presentations and short assignments/papers.

Books to buy:

Michael C. Meyer, William L. Sherman, and Susan M. Deeds. *The Course of Mexican History* 10th edition (Oxford and New York: Oxford University Press, 2014). Making page number and chapter number adjustments, the 8th and 9th editions will probably do.
Gilbert M. Joseph and Timothy J. Henderson (eds.). *The Mexico Reader: History, Culture, Politics* (Durham: Duke University Press, 2002).

Readings:

Week 1 MAKING A NATION

2/23 (1) INTRODUCTION TO THE COURSE

(2) OVERVIEW OF THE COLONIAL PERIOD

Rec: *Mexican History* Part III Ch. 8-12

2/24 FIELDTRIP: Excursion on foot to the house of Benito Juárez.

2/25 (1) MEXICAN INDEPENDENCE FROM SPAIN [83 pp]

Mexican History Part IV, Ch. 13-16, Part V, Ch. 17-19

(2) LIBERAL REFORM AND AGRARIAN IMPACT [66 pp]

Mexican History Part VI, Ch. 20-22

Mexico Reader, Florescano (131-40), González (239-51), Craib (252-62)

Rec: *Mexico Reader*, Calderon (196-205), anonymous (213-16); Junta, Carlotta, Juarez, (263-72)

2/26 (1) DICTATORSHIP OF PORFIRIO DIAZ [34 pp.]

Mexican History, Part VII, Ch. 23-25

(2) MODERNIZATION AND FOREIGN RELATIONS [60 pp.]

Friedrich Katz, "Mexico: Restored Republic and Porfiriato," in Leslie Bethell, ed., *The*

Cambridge History of Latin America, vol. 5, c. 1870 to 1930 (Cambridge: Cambridge

University Press, 1986), pp. 3-62; rec: 62-78

Rec: *Mexico Reader*, Arnold & Frost (273-8), Travern (279-84)

Week 2 REVOLUTION

- 3/2 (1) MEXICAN REVOLUTION: MILITARY PHASE (1910-1920) [92 pp.]
Friedrich Katz, "Origins, Outbreak, and Initial Phase of the Revolution of 1910." In *The Secret War in Mexico* (Chicago: University of Chicago, 1984), pp. 3-35 (also rec: 36-49)
Mexican History, Part VIII, Ch. 26-30
Rec: Anna Macías, Women and the Mexican Revolution, 1910-1920. *The Americas*, 1980, Vol. 37/1: 53-82
- (2) EXPERIENCE OF THE MILITARY PHASE [45 pp.]
Mexico Reader Magón (335-8), Cabrerra (345-50), Reed (364-71), Lewis (375-86), Pozas (387-96)
John Womack, Prologue, *Zapata and the Mexican Revolution* (NY: Vintage, 1969), pp. 3-9.
Rec: *Mexico Reader*, Zapata (339-43), Guzmán (351-6)
- 3/3 [→ 3/9] FIELDTRIP: Excursion by bus to meet with town leaders of Teotitlán del Valle
- 3/4 (1) MEXICAN REVOLUTION: CONSTRUCTION PHASE (1920-1940) [62 pp.]
Mexican History, Part IX, Ch. 31-34
Mexico Reader, Anonymous (411-7), Constitution (398-402), Calles (421-5),
- (2) EXPERIENCE OF THE CONSTRUCTION PHASE [34 pp.]
Mexico Reader, Evans (403-405), Joseph/Wells (428-38), Lemus (439-44), Benítez (445-50), Daniels (452-5), Anguiano (456-60)
- 3/5 (1) FORGING MEXICAN IDENTITIES [69]
Mexico Reader, Paz (20-27), Batalla (28-32), Bartra (33-40), Guillermprieto (41-52), Jiménez/Sánchez (53-54), Rubenstein (570-5)
Rec: William Finnegan, "The Man Without a Mask. How the drag queen Cassandro became a star of Mexican wrestling." *The New Yorker*, September 1, 2014 (1-29)
- (2) ART DURING AND AFTER THE REVOLUTION [58]
Mexican History, Part VII, Plates (no pagination)
Mexico Reader, A Photo Essay (297-331), Sisqueiros (492-499)
Student presentations.

Week 3 POSTREVOLUTIONARY AND MODERN MEXICO (after 1940)

- 3/9 (1) SINGLE PARTY RULE AND NEOLIBERALISM [78]
Alan Knight, (1994). "Cardenismo: Juggernaut or Jalopy?" *Journal of Latin American Studies* 26/1 (February): 73-107.
Mexican History, Part X, Ch. 36-38
Rec: *Mexican History*, Part X, Ch. 35
- (2) THE POLITICS OF RECOGNITION [36]
Alejandro Anaya Muñoz (2004). Explaining the Politics of Recognition of Ethnic Diversity and Indigenous Peoples' Rights in Oaxaca, Mexico. *Bulletin of Latin American Research*, 23/4: 414-433
Todd A. Eisenstadt (2006). Elections by Customary Law in Oaxaca, Mexico: Expression of Cultural Rights or Violation of Democratic Electoral Norms? *Center for Democracy and Election Management Case Study #1*: 1-16
Rec: Allyson Benton (2011). The Origins of Mexico's Municipal Usos y Costumbres Regimes:

Supporting Local Political Participation or Local Authoritarian Control? *Documentos de Trabajo del CIDE* 226: 1-11 & 19-20

Rec : José Antonio Aguilar Rivera (2009). El fracaso multicultural de Oaxaca. *Nexos* (1 Feb.): 1-5.

Rec: Sam Quinones (2012). Bonds of tradition are a financial bind for Oaxacan migrants. *Los Angeles Times* (20 November): 1-3

3/9 AFTERNOON FIELDTRIP: Excursion by bus to meet with town leaders of Teotitlán del Valle

3/10 FIELDTRIP: Excursion on foot to Asamblea de Artistas Revolucionarios de Oaxaca

3/11 (1) SOCIAL AND POLITICAL PROTEST MOVEMENTS [60]

Mexico Reader, Poniatowska (555-69), Victim's (579-90), Gyves/COCEI (619-24),

EZLN (638-45), Peres (655-69), Williams (670-83), Cornelius (684-6)

Lynn Stephen (2007). "We are brown, we are short, we are fat...We are the face of Oaxaca":

Women Leaders in the Oaxaca Rebellion. *Socialism and Democracy* 21/2: 1-15.

Rec: Claudio Lomnitz, Times of Crisis: Historicity, Sacrifice, and the Spectacle of Debacle in Mexico City, *Public Culture* 15/1 (2003): 127-147

Rec: Lynn Stephen (2013). *We Are the Face of Oaxaca. Testimony and Social Movements* (Durham, NC: Duke). Photo and video materials at: <http://faceofoaxaca.uoregon.edu>

Rec: *Mexico Reader*, Sackett (500-10) Acapulco,

Rec: Christine A. Kray (2006), Resistance to What? How?: Stalled social movements in Cancun, *City and Society* 18/1: 66-89

(2) INDIGENOUS REVIVALIZATION MOVEMENTS [70]

Michael R. Duke (1995). Writing Mazateco: Linguistic standardization and social power. *Texas Linguistic Forum* 3: 305-314

Paja Faudree (2013). *Singing for the Dead: The Politics of Indigenous Revival in Mexico* (Durham, NC: Duke University Press), pp. 8-23, 222-33, 237-50.

Ronald Loewe (2010). *Maya or Mestizo: Nationalism, Modernity, and its Discontents* (Toronto: University of Toronto Press), Ch. 3: 59-78.

3/12 (1) BORDERLANDS: MIGRATION, MAQUILADORAS, AND NARCOTICS [76]

Mexican History, Part X, Ch. 39-40

Mexico Reader, Langewiesche (698-707), Urrea (708-16), Hellman (717-27)

Rec: *Mexico Reader*, Weissman (734-46)

(2) CRISES OF CORRUPTION [52]

Sarah Luna (2010). Getting Away with Murder: Sovereignty, Subjectivity, and the (Social) Space of Mexican Border Cities, manuscript, pp. 1-36

Francisco Goldman (2015). Crisis in Mexico: Who Is Really Responsible for the Missing Forty-three? *The New Yorker* (7 February): 1-16.