Indigenous Social Movements of Latin America

Georgetown University, Fall Semester 2010

Listed Course Title: Indigenous Social Movements of Latin America
LASP-487
Wednesday 6:30-9:00 PM, Room 205A Car Barn

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Course Objectives: This course provides a perspective on the political empowerment of indigenous peoples in Latin America over the past four decades. The course will expose students to theories, themes, issues and empirical case studies on the emergence and consolidation of indigenous movements and importance of indigenous political actors within contemporary Latin America democracies.

The course’s analytical framework will focus on Western modernization, integrationist and neoliberal national and rural development strategies and how indigenous social movements rose up to challenge and reform them. At the beginning of the 1970's, the stage was set for these movements by the worldwide student rebellions of 1968, an emerging indigenous intelligentsia and the application of Liberation Theology at the grassroots in Latin America. Indigenous movements gained momentum during the 1980's for making important legal and political changes with the advent of the international environmental movement and then in the 1990's the anti-quincenntenary campaigns throughout the hemisphere. The course will examine political empowerment, protest tactics, movement demands, organizational alliances, and impact on public policies of economic development, national laws and international conventions fostering the collective rights of indigenous peoples. The indigenous movements of Bolivia, Ecuador, Peru, Colombia, Mexico, Nicaragua, Guatemala, Panama and Brazil will be examined. The role of political decentralization, local political autonomy, territorial rights and transnational linkages within nation-states and sub-regional cases will be assessed. Social and political conflicts and related policy changes over control of land, forests, illicit crops and hydrocarbons figure prominently in the course. Indigenous movement impact on the political processes of multi-cultural nation-building fostering more inclusive democratic citizenship rights for indigenous peoples will be a thread running through the material.

Course Requirements: Students will be graded on mid-term (35%) and final(45%) exams and class participation(20%) through group projects and class discussion on the assigned readings.

Books Ordered
**Contesting Citizenship, The Rise of Indigenous Movements in Latin America and the Postliberal Challenge** Deborah Yashar, Cambridge University Press 2005


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**September 7th**  **Introduction to the Topic, Overview of Course and Requirements**

Xavier Albo. “Ethnic Identity and Politics in the Central Andes, the Cases of Bolivia, Ecuador and Peru” a chapter from *Politics in the Andes, Identity, Conflict and Reform* edited by Jo-Marie Burt and Philip Mauceri, University of Pittsburg Press

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**September 14th**-**General Background to Indigenous Movements and Theoretical Propositions**

Frances Stewart ,”Horizontal Inequality: Two Types of Trap” pgs.315-340 in the *Journal of Human Development and Capabilities*, Volume 10, No.3, November 2009


Yashar- chapters 1, “Questions, Approaches and Cases” pgs.3-31 and chapter 2 “Citizenship Regimes, The State and Ethnic Cleavages” pgs.31-54 and chapter 3 “The Argument: Indigenous Mobilization in Latin America” pgs 54-72;

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**September 21st**  **Indigenous Movements in Highland Ecuador (Part 1)**

Yashar chapter 4, “Ecuador: Latin America’a Strongest Indigenous Movement” pgs.85-109, 130-152

Zamosk  Leon, “From Politics of Influence to Politics of Protest” pgs.131-158 in Postero and Zamosk volume
Brysk Alison, *Global Village, Tribal Village*, pgs.154-158


**Sept. 28th**  The Indigenous Movement in Lowland Ecuador (Part 2)


Brysk book chapter pgs.167-174

Recommended

Sawyer Suzanna chapter 1, pgs. 27-56 in *Crude Chronicles, Indigenous Politics, Multinational Oil and Neoliberalism in Ecuador*, 2004, Duke University

Hendricks Janet “Symbolic Counter-hegemony among the Ecuadorian Shuar” chapter 2, pgs. 53-69 in *Nation-States and Indians in Latin America* edited by Greg Urban and Joel Herzer

**Oct. 5th**  Bolivian Indigenous Movements (Part 1)


Healy Kevin, book chapters 2-5 pgs.17-95 from *Llamas, Weavings and Organic*
Oct. 12th  Bolivian Indigenous Movements (Part-2)

Healy; *Llamas, Weavings*, etc. chapter 14 “The Mouse That Roared: An Amazonian March to the Andes for Land Rights” pgs.361-396

Healy Kevin, "Political Ascent of Bolivia's Coca Producers" pgs.87-123 in the *Journal of Inter-American Studies and World Affairs*, Spring 1991

Kohl Ben and Linda Farthing “The Price of Success, Bolivia's War Against Drugs and the Poor” pgs.35-41 in *NACLA Report on the Americas*, July-August 2001

Hylton and Thomson, pgs. 1-31; 101-126

Yashar, section of chapter 5, “The Bolivian Amazon and CIDOB” pgs. 190-223

Recommended

Perez Mamerto, Sergio Schlesinger and Timothy A. Wise *Promises and Perils of Agricultural Trade Liberalization: Lessons from Latin America* pgs.6,14-18, 23-26 Global Development and Environment Institute(GDAE) at Tufts University, and Washington Office on Latin America(WOLA) 2008


Hylton and Thomson chapter pgs.127-143
Albo Xavier pgs.82-113 in Movimientos y Poder Indigena en Bolivia, Ecuador y Peru  Cuadernos de Investigacion 71 de CIPCA, La Paz, 2008


The new Bolivian Constitution of 2009 (selected articles of indigenous rights)

Oct. 26th  Indigenous Movements in Peru


Albo- chapter 5, “Atando Cabos” pgs. 169-230

Yashar chapter 6, “Peru: Weak National Movements and Situational Variance”; pgs. 224-278

Stavenhagen Rodolfo Report for the UN On the Political Mobilizations and Human rights in Peru’s Amazon region 2009 pgs.

Nov. 2nd  Indigenous Movements in Colombia(Part 1)


Jackson Jean, “ Caught in the Crossfire, Colombia’s Indigenous Peoples during the 1990’s” in Maybury Lewis volume, pgs.107-135

Rathgeber Theodore, “Indigenous Struggles in Colombia, Historical Changes and Perspectives” in Postero and Zamosc chapter 4, pgs. 105-131


Nov 9th Indigenous Movements in Colombia (Part 2)


Montana Diego Fajardo, “Informe sobre Tierras, Justicia y Paz” pgs. 1-50 Bogota , May 27, 2010

Recommended

Anaya James,”La Situación de los Pueblos Indígenas en Colombia, Seguimiento a los Hechos Por El Relator Especial Anterior”.pgs. 1-85 Naciones Unidos 2006

“Colombia Forestal: Libre Comercio Sin Tratado” Grupo de Seguimiento y Politicas Publicas del Observatorio de Pueblos Indigenas-CECOIN

Asociación of Indigenous and Peasant Producers(ANCIN), “ Land and Territories Free from Agro-fuels”,Local Experiences in Defense of Biodiversity, its Permanence in our Communities and Food Sovereignty in the Andes Region of Colombia, Pgs.1-15, August 2008

Nov. 16th Indigenous Movements in Brazil


Maria Guadalupe, Moog Rodriguez, "Indigenous Rights in Democratic Brazil" pgs. 487-513 in Human Rights Quarterly, Volume 24, Number 2

Maybury-Lewis David, chapter “For Reasons of State: Paradoxes of Indigenist Policy in Brazil” pgs.329-346 in


“The Other Brazil, Indigenous Peoples of the Great Savannah pgs. in ” Cultural Survival Quarterly, 2009

Nov. 23rd Indigenous Movements in Mexico


Brysk book, pgs.158-162


Dietz Gunther, “From Indianismo to Zapatismo: The Struggle for a Multi-Ethnic Society” pgs 32-82 Postero and Zamosc

Nov. 30th Indigenous Movements in Guatemala


Fischer Edward, “Beyond Victimization: Maya Movements in Post-war Guatemala” pgs. 81-105 in Postero and Zamosc

Smith Carol A. "Maya Nationalism" pp.29-33 in the NACLA Newsletter, Volume XXXV Number 3, December, 1991


Dec. 7th Indigenous Movements in Panama and Nicaragua

Brysk book pgs.185-186

Howe, James, “The Kuna of Panama, Continuing Threats to Land and Autonomy”, pgs.81-99 in Maybury-Lewis volume

