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WEEK 1. HISTORICAL PATHS: Sep 14 (Domínguez)

WEEK 2. STATE-BUILDING AND LONG-RUN DEVELOPMENT: Sep 21 (Levitsky)


September 7: Organizational meeting
Mahoney, J. Colonialism and Postcolonial Development: Spanish America in Comparative Perspective (Cambridge University Press, 2010), Chapters 1 and 8.


Soifer, H. State Building in Latin America (Cambridge University Press, 2015), chapters 1, 2, and 7.


WEEK 3. DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES: DREAMS, NIGHTMARES: Sep 28 (Domínguez)


WEEK 4. INTERNATIONAL EXPLANATIONS OF DOMESTIC POLITICAL ECONOMY OUTCOMES: Oct 5 (Domínguez)


WEED 5. DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES II: THE POLITICS OF ECONOMIC LIBERALIZATION AND REDISTRIBUTION Oct 12 (Levitsky)


Campello, D. The Politics of Market Discipline in Latin America (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2015), pp. 1-22 and skim cases of Brazil (pp. 88-117) and Argentina (pp. 136-158).


WEED 6. DEMOCRATIC BREAKDOWN AND AUTHORITARIAN RULE Oct 19 (Levitsky)


WEEK 7: DEMOCRATIZATION AND CONTEMPORARY DEMOCRACIES Oct 26 (Levitsky)


Hagopian, F., ““Democracy by Undemocratic Means”? Elites, Political Pacts, and Regime Transition in Brazil,” Comparative Political Studies 23 no. 2 (July 1990), pp. 147-166.


WEEK 8. SOCIAL MOVEMENTS AND ETHNIC POLITICS: Nov 2 (Domínguez)


WEEK 9: POLITICAL INSTITUTIONS: PRESIDENTS AND LEGISLATURES: Nov 9 (Levitsky)

Linz, J., “Presidential or Parliamentary Democracy: Does it Make a Difference?” In J. Linz and A. Valenzuela, eds. The Failure of Presidential Democracy (Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 1994), pp. 3-36 only.


Hochstetler, K., “Rethinking Presidentialism: Challenges and Presidential Falls in South America,” Comparative Politics 38, No. 4 (July 2006).


Levitsky, S. and Murillo, M. V. “Variation in Institutional Strength.” Annual Review of
Recommend


WEEK 10: COURTS, LAW, AND VIOLENCE: Nov 16 (Domínguez)


WEEK 11: PARTIES AND PARTY SYSTEMS: Nov 30 (Levitsky)


WEEK 12. VOTERS AND ELECTIONS: Dec 7 (Domínguez)


Recall: Baker and De la O from Week 5 and Lupu from Week 11.