**Brazil’s Boom and Bust in the Global Stage: A Protracted and Contradictory Trajectory**



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**Course description and Goals**

Brazil has the largest population, economy, and industrial base in Latin America. Brazilians are a mix of indigenous, European, and African peoples, along with subsequent inflows of Asian and Middle Eastern immigration. As a thematic interdisciplinary course, students will gain knowledge related to political institutions, social structural change, cultural practice, and economic development of Brazil. Students will identify critical periods of change in history, with particular attention to institutions and evolutions in political regimes and development patterns. Likewise, students will also understand the link between international insertion and domestic development, with attention to changes in international capital and commercial flows, domestic economic activity, and patterns of growth and distribution.

What is more, by looking at the urban transformations over the years, we will explore Brazil's drive to become an industrial power, as well as the new social conflicts produced by these efforts. Finally, we will investigate Brazil's contemporary culture, politics, sports, achievements, promises and continued challenges as it proceeds as a so-called emergent nation into the 21st century, while still struggling with its colonial legacies.

**Course Dynamics**

*You are expected to keep up with the activities and you are responsible for the material covered in the lectures, readings, and for any announcement made in class. Nevertheless,* I do understand that the on-going COVID-19 pandemic has created significant physical and mental health, family, and financial challenges for everyone.

I aim to be as flexible as possible while ensuring fairness and academic integrity. If you are struggling with the course for any reason, please talk to me as soon as possible.

**Required Readings**

Skidmore, Thomas E. *Brazil: Five Centuries of Change.* (Oxford UP)

\*\* Additional readings (excerpts from chapters and articles) will be provided.

**Course Requirements and Evaluation**

Evaluation will consist of assignments aimed at allowing students opportunities to demonstrate and improve analytical oral and writing skills.

Oral assignments a presentation of a critical summary (20% of grade) of **two** combined published academic articles, upon selection from a list provided, under supervision of your instructor, and in light of your own research and/or academic professional interests. Additionally, students will be in charge of guiding discussions in specific meetings upon selection with the instructor and of presenting their final papers in class in the last meeting day.

Writing skills will be evaluated based on the written version of your critical summary (3-4 pp., 20% of grade) and of your Final Essay (10 to 12 pp., 60% of grade). In both pieces, you will demonstrate how the readings helped you critically examine an important characteristic of the historical evolution of Brazil’s global insertion of your choosing and upon consultation with your instructor.

*\*\* Details will be provided in due time.*

**Schedule of Classes, Readings, and Activities**

**Introductions and Overview towards Modern Brazil (16/09/22)**

* *Skidmore, Introduction, chapters 1, 2 & 3*
* *Kingstone, Peter; Power, Timothy. (2008) “Introduction”. In: Kingstone, Peter; Power, Timothy (eds). Democratic Brazil Revisited. Pittsburgh: University of Pittsburgh Press.*

**Oligarchic Modernity (23/09/22)**

* *Skidmore, Introduction, chapter 4 & 5*
* *Furtado, Celso. 1968. The Economic Growth of Brazil; A survey from colonial to modern times. University of California Press, Berkeley. Selections.*
* *Love, Joseph L. 2011. The Brazilian Federal State in the Old Republic: Did Regime Change Matter. Working Paper. Lemann Institute for Brazilian Studies.*

**Building a *Modern* Brazil: Top-Down (30/09/22)**

* *Skidmore, chapters 6 & 7*
* *Geddes, Barbara, “Building 'State' Autonomy in Brazil: 1930-64” Comparative Politics, January 1990, 22 (2): 217-35*

**Making Sense of the (First) Democratic Demise (14/10/22)**

* Wallerstein, Michael, 1980. “*The Collapse of Democracy in Brazil: Its Economic Determinants.” Latin American Research Review.* XV, no. 3
* *Stepan, Alfred. 1971. “Political Leadership and Regime Breakdown: Brazil” in Juan Linz ed. The Breakdown of Democratic Regimes in Latin America. Baltimore: Johns Hopkins Press.*

**Bureaucratic-Authoritarian Development: Brazilian Way (21/10/22)**

* *Skidmore, chapter 8*
* *Evans, Peter (1979) Dependent Development: The Alliance of Multinational, State, and Local Capital in Brazil, Princeton: Princeton University Press. Chapter 4, 6.*

**Democracy at Last (or is it?) (4/11/22)**

* *Skidmore, chapters 9 & 10*
* *Keck, Margaret. 1992. “New Unionism and the Formation of the Workers’ Party” The Workers’ Party and Democratization in Brazil. New Haven: Yale University Press.*

*\*\* Oral Presentations of Summaries of Academic Articles & Article Summaries are due.*

**Brazil: Country of the Future? (18/11/22)**

* *Skidmore, chapter 11*
* *Dagnino, Evelina.* 2007. “Dimensions of Citizenship in Contemporary Brazil,” *Fordham Law Review,* 2469: 1-15.
* *Laverne, Remi, The Bolsa Familia Program: Replacing Politics with Biopoltics*

**Brazil as an Emergent Power? (25/11/22)**

* *Soares de Lima, Maria Regina and Mônica Hirst. 2006. “Brazil as an Intermediate State and Regional Power: Action, Choice, and Responsibilities” International Affairs. 82: 1: 21-40.*
* *Amorim, Celso, Brazilian Foreign Policy under President Lula: an overview*

**Brazil in the World in the 21st Century - I (2/12/22)**

* *Flynn, Matthew, Subimperialism and Globalization: A Case Study in the Internationalization of Brazilian Capital.*
* *Garcia and Kato, The Story of the Hunter of the Hunted?*

**Week 11: Brazil in the World in the 21st Century – II (9/12/22)**

* *Patriota, Antonio, Is the World Ready for Cooperative Multipolarity?*
* *Malamud, Andres. Foreign Policy Retreat: Domestic and Systemic Causes of Brazil’s International Rollback*

**Week 12: Oral Presentations of Final Papers (16/12/22)**

 *\*\*Final Papers are due.*