SYLLABUS OFFICIAL

1- COURSE IDENTIFICATION

TITLE: The Social Protection System in Latin America: historical overview and the main challenges
LEVEL: Master Degree and others
TIMETABLE: Thursday from 9-12.
PLACE: IHEAL, Room A
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2- DESCRIPTION

Social protection is considered a social development practice as it raises household income while develop beneficiaries human capital. In this case, social protection is one of the tools used by the States to satisfy social risks, alleviate individual deprivations and produce welfare (e.g. public education, health care, housing, cash transference). Researchers have considered the Latin American welfare systems as emerging Welfare States or as Welfare States in development. This meaning that their welfare programs and institutions are still in the process of institutionalization and have a lower degree of development than their European counterparts.

3 – MAIN OBJECTIVES

The objective of this course is to discuss the origins, trajectory and the main challenges on social protection systems and welfare regimes in Latin America and the Caribbean. At the end of the course, we expect that students will be able to discuss contemporary social situation in Latin America, and the main challenges to build a sustainable social protection system.
4 – THE MAIN TOPICS

The course will try to cover the following topics:
1) The different concepts of Social Protection System
2) The different types of Social Protection System
3) Historical overview of Social Protection System in the World
4) Historical overview of Social Protection System in Latin America
5) The Social Protection System after the economic reforms in the 1990s
6) The roles of Social Protection System to reduce the poverty and inequality
7) How to build a Universal Social Protection System in Latin America
8) The main challenges to build a Social Protection System in Latin America

5 – TEACHING METHODS

Each section of the course will consist of lectures that will be conducted by the professor. In this part we expect the participation of students through the information by articles that will be e-mailed by the professor to the students in each week of classes.

6 – ASSESSMENT AND GRADES

Attendance in class is an essential requirement. The dates of the exams cannot be changed. Absence on any exam date must be justified through relevant documentation to the director of the program and the class professor. Readings should be completed in advance of classes. Grading will be based on activities during the classes (50%) and final exam (50%).

Grade Scale: 0 to 20
7 – OUTLINE

WEEK 1 (18/01): Syllabus + General Informations.

The different concepts of Social Protection System

BIBLIOGRAPHY


WEEK 2 (25/01): The different types of Social Protection System

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WEEK 3 (01/02): Historical overview of Social Protection System in the World

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WEEK 4 (08/02): Historical overview of Social Protection System in Latin America

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WEEK 5 (15/02): The Social Protection System after the economic reforms in the 1990s

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WEEK 6 (22/02): The roles of Social Protection System to reduce the poverty and inequality

BIBLIOGRAPHY


Special Seminars by students: Mexico and Honduras

WEEK 7 (01/03): How to build a Universal Social Protection System in Latin America

BIBLIOGRAPHY


Special Seminars by students: Bolivia and Ecuador

WEEK 8 (08/03): The main challenges to build a Social Protection System in Latin America

BIBLIOGRAPHY


**Special Seminars by students: Uruguay**

PS: new bibliography will be available if is necessary!

**WEEK 9 (15/03):** Final Exam