

HILA 101-Latin America: The Construction of Independence 1810–1898

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The Big Questions

Based on readings of Latin American history, there are four connected questions we want to explore:

1. The formation of national boundaries. How did the geography of the pre-Columbian Empires and the colonial Viceroyalties evolve into nation-states?
2. What was the economic, social, political, cultural, and environmental impact of these processes?
3. What are the longterm outcomes of these historical processes?
4. Where is Latin America positioned vis a vis the rest of the world? How unique (or not) is the Latin American historical experience?

Our Basic Readings

- Sarah Chambers, *Families in War and Peace. Chile from Colony to Nation* (2015)
- Néstor García Canclini, *Transforming Modernity. Popular Culture in Mexico* (1993)
- John Hemming, *Amazon Frontier. The Defeat of the Brazilian Indians* (2004), parts II and III
- Christine Hunefeldt, *Paying the Price of Freedom* (1993)
- Benjamin Keen and Keith Haynes, *A History of Latin America* (2004), parts 7-11
- Vera M. Kutzinski, Ottmar Ette, Laura Dassow Walls (eds.), *Alexander von Humboldt and the Americas* (2012)
- David Maybury-Lewis (ed.), *The Politics of Ethnicity* (2002), sections II and IV
- Juergen Osterhammel, *The Transformation of the World* (2014)
- Ronald M. Schneider, *Latin American Political History* (2007), pp. 1-206

Weekly Topics

- Week 1: Colonial Contradictions (Keen & Haynes, Schneider, Osterhammel)
- Week 2: People, Geography, Economy (Kutzinski et. al.)
- Week 3: Slavery and Labor (Hunefeldt, Osterhammel)
- Week 4: Plantations, Haciendas, Peasant Communities: the Rural Landscape (Maybury-Lewis)
- Week 5: Women and Families (Chambers)
- Week 6: Popular Culture and Modernity (García Canclini, Osterhammel)
- Week 7: Colonialism, Imperialism, Industrialization (Osterhammel, especially chapters VIII, XII)
- Week 8: Church, Belief Systems (Osterhammel, especially, ch. XVIII)
- Week 9: Old and New Frontiers (Hemming)
- Week 10: Revisiting Historical Processes Centered in the 19th Century (Osterhammel, especially chapters II, III, VII, Conclusions)

Evaluation

Mid-Term Exam: 25%

Final Exam: 35%

Research Paper: 40% (topic and additional readings/research materials to be discussed during office hours, after week 6. Individual research proposals and the corresponding literature are due at the end of week 5.