



**Course GS-17**

**GLOBAL POLITICAL DINAMICS: INSTITUTIONS, ACTORS AND CONFLICTS (45 class hours)**

Lecturer:

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**DESCRIPTION**

During this course the main goal will be to provide students with the necessary elements to introduce them to current global political dynamics happening in different parts of the world, mainly from a political science perspective, but also regarding history and international relations.

The course uses a multidimensional approach to explore and explain the basic concepts and elements necessary to understand the current discussions being held among political science scholars, and the political arena. This task will be approached from both theoretical and an empirical way, focusing on institutions, actors and, current conflicts with examples drawn from contemporary politics in countries mainly from Europe and Latin America.

**LEARNING OUTCOME**

Upon completion of the course, students will be able to:

- Demonstrate understanding of basic concepts part of the contemporary discussion in politics and political science.
- To know the main political institutions and their different relations with other political actors.
- Learn about the role the different political actors play in contemporary democracy.
- Identify, explain and analyse political issue occurring currently in different parts of the world.

**LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION**

This course is taught in English, students will be exposed to vocabulary and concepts related to issues concerning politics, political science and international relations.

**CLASS TOPICS**

1. Political participation
2. Collective political actors
3. Revolutions
4. Dictatorships and authoritarian regimes
5. Transitions to democracy
6. Populism
7. Social media and politics
8. Social outburst or revolts

- A detailed syllabus with sessions and readings will be provided before the start of the course.



#### ASSIGNMENTS AND EVALUATIONS

Timely completion of all assignments is expected. Late hand-ins will be penalized. All assignments are evaluated according to organization, analytical quality, depth and argumentation, presentation of evidence and use of comparative perspective.

#### EVALUATION ACTIVITY / GRADING WEIGHT / DATE

Evaluation activity	Grading weight	Date
<b>Exam 1</b>	30%	
<b>Oral Presentation</b>	30%	
<b>Workshop Sessions (Prácticas)</b>	40% (10% each)	Ongoing

#### PROGRAM EXPECTATIONS

- a. Show up prepared. Be on time, have your readings completed and points in mind for discussion or clarification. Complying with these elements raises the level of class discussion for everyone.
- b. Have assignments completed on schedule, printed, and done accordingly to the specified requirements. This will help ensure that your assignments are returned in a timely manner.
- c. Ask questions in class. Engage the lecturer. These are often very busy professionals who are doing us an honour by coming to speak.
- d. Comply with academic integrity policies (no plagiarism or cheating, nothing unethical).
- e. Respect differences of opinion (classmates', lecturers, local constituents engaged with on the visits). You are not expected to agree with everything you hear, but you are expected to listen across difference and consider other perspectives with respect.

#### REQUIRED READINGS

Munck, G and Luna, Juan Pablo (2022) Latin American Politics and Society: A Comparative and Historical Analysis, Cambridge University Press

Vallès, Josep Maria y Maro i Puig, Salvador (2015, 9<sup>a</sup> edició) Ciencia Política. Un Manual. Barcelona: Ariel.

\*Specific chapters will be used for some of the classes

#### Recommended Readings:

Almeida, P. (2019) Social Movements: The Structure of Collective Mobilization, University of California Press

Bidegain, G., & Tricot, V. (2017). Political Opportunity Structure, Social Movements, and Malaise in Representation in Uruguay, 1985–2014. In Malaise in Representation in Latin American Countries. Chile, Argentina, and Uruguay, 139–160. [https://doi.org/10.1057/978-1-37-59955-1\\_6](https://doi.org/10.1057/978-1-37-59955-1_6)



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Mudde, C. Rovira, C (2017) *Populism: A Very Short Introduction*, Oxford University Press

Office hours Face to face and online. Appointments can be made by e-mail (mandatory).

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