**MIDDLE EAST TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY**

**Graduate School of Social Sciences**

**Latin and North American Studies Master Program**

Course Code: **8430517**

Title: **Episodes from Latin American History**

Credit: 3

Elective

**Catalogue Description:**

History of Latin America, indigenous and black revolts during the colonial period; socio-economic basis of the Wars of Independence; variations among the liberation movements; emergence of Latin American nations and state formations; rise of neo-colonialism; revolutions of the 20th century; guerrilla movements; socialism in power through democratic processes; social movements based on peasantry, indigenous population and urban poor in the last quarter of the 20th century; social basis and political promises of the left-wing governments of the 21st century in Venezuela, Ecuador, Bolivia etc.

**Course Objectives:**

The course is designed to provide students: general view and a critical understanding on the developments of the modern history of Latin America; working knowledge on the key historical events and ability to contextualize them; familiarity with the conceptual framework and theoretical debates concerning the issues decisive in the modern Latin American history; familiarity with some striking historical texts related to the course topics.

**Course Syllabus:**

1. Introduction
2. Revolt in Peru and Tupac Amaru (one week)
3. Haitian Revolution (one week)
4. Wars of Independence (two weeks)
5. Mexican Revolution (one week)
6. Cuban Revolution (one week)
7. Triumph of Unidad Popular in Chile (one week)
8. Nicaraguan Revolution (one week)
9. Social Movements in Latin America in 1980s and 90s (two weeks)
10. New leftist wave and “21st century socialism” (one week)

**Textbooks:**

NONE

**Weekly Reading List:**

Week 1: J. A. Wood, and J. C. Chasteen. *Problems in Modern Latin American History: Sources and Interpretations*. Lanham, Md.: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, 2009

Week 2: Leon G. Campbell, “The Army of Peru and the Túpac Amaru Revolt, 1780-1783”, *The Hispanic American Historical Review*, Vol. 56, No. 1 (Feb., 1976), pp. 31-57

Leon G. Campbell, “Recent Research on Andean Peasant Revolts, 1750-1820”, *Latin American Research Review*, Vol. 14, No. 1 (1979), pp. 3-49

Week 3: Valentina Peguero, “Teaching the Haitian Revolution: Its Place in Western and Modern World History”, *The History Teacher*, Vol. 32, No. 1 (Nov., 1998), pp. 33-41

Nick Nesbitt, “Troping Toussaint, Reading Revolution”, *Research in African Literatures*, Vol. 35, No. 2, Haiti, 1804-2004: Literature,Culture, and Art (Summer, 2004), pp. 18-33

Robert Shilliam, “What the Haitian Revolution Might Tell Us about Development, Security, and the Politics of Race”, *Comparative Studies in Society and History*, Vol. 50, No. 3 (Jul., 2008), pp. 778-808

Week 4: R. Graham. *Independence in Latin America: Contrasts and Comparisons (Third*

*Edition).* University of Texas Press, 2013.

S.J. Chambers, and J. C. Chasteen. *Latin American Independence: An Anthology of Sources*. Indianapolis: Hackett Pub. Co., 2010.

R. Blackburn. *The overthrow of colonial slavery, 1776-184*8, London ; New York : Verso,

2011.

Week 5: Graham. *Independence in Latin America: Contrasts and Comparisons (Third*

*Edition).* University of Texas Press, 2013.

S.J. Chambers, and J. C. Chasteen. *Latin American Independence: An Anthology of Sources*. Indianapolis: Hackett Pub. Co., 2010.

R. Blackburn. *The overthrow of colonial slavery, 1776-184*8, London ; New York : Verso,

2011.

Week 6: G. M Joseph, and J. Buchenau. *Mexico’s Once and Future Revolution: Social*

*Upheaval and the Challenge of Rule since the Late Nineteenth Century*, 2013.

Vincent T. Gawronski, “The Revolution is Dead. ¡Viva la revolución!: The Place of the Mexican Revolution in the Era of Globalization”, *Mexican Studies/Estudios Mexicanos*, Vol. 18, No. 2 (Summer 2002), pp. 363-397

Alan Knight, “The Myth of the Mexican Revolution”, *Past & Present*, No. 209 (NOVEMBER 2010), pp. 223-273

Week 7: J. E. Sweig. *Inside the Cuban Revolution*, Cambridge, Mass. : Harvard University Press,

c2002

A. Chomsky, B. Carr, and P. M. Smorkaloff. *The Cuba Reader: History,*

*Culture, Politics*. Durham: Duke University Press, 2003.

Week 8: E. Q. Hutchison, T. M. Klubock, N. B. Milanich, and P. Winn. *The*

*Chile Reader: History, Culture, Politics*, 2014.

I. Roxborough, P. J. O’Brien, and J. Roddick. *Chile: The State and*

*Revolution*. New York: Holmes & Meier, 1977.

Franck Gaudichaud and Mariana Ortega Breña, “Popular Power, Oral History, and Collective Memory in Contemporary Chile”, *Latin American Perspectives*, Vol. 36, No. 5, (September 2009), pp. 58-71

Week 9: L. Baracco. *Nicaragua: The Imagining of a Nation : From Nineteenth-Century*

*Liberals to Twentieth-Century Sandinistas*. New York: Algora Pub., 2005.

J. A. Booth, C. J. Wade, and T. W. Walker. *Understanding Central America*

*Global Forces, Rebellion, and Change.* New York: Westview Press, 2009.

Week 10: J. F. Petras, and H. Veltmeyer. *Social Movements in Latin America: Neoliberalism*

*and Popular Resistance*. New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2011.

Diane E. Davis, “The Power of Distance: Re-Theorizing Social Movements in Latin America”, *Theory and Society*, Vol. 28, No. 4 (Aug., 1999), pp. 585-638

Richard Stahler-Sholk, Harry E. Vanden and Glen David Kuecker, “Introduction: Globalizing Resistance: The New Politics of Social Movements in Latin America”, *Latin American Perspectives*, Vol. 34, No. 2, (Mar., 2007), pp. 5-16

James Petras, “State Terror and Social Movements in Latin America”, *International Journal of Politics, Culture, and Society*, Vol. 3, No. 2 (Winter, 1989),pp. 179-212

Week 11: Richard Stahler-Sholk, “Resisting Neoliberal Homogenization: The Zapatista Autonomy Movement”, *Latin American Perspectives*, Vol. 34, No. 2, (Mar., 2007), pp. 48-63

Cliff Welch and Bernardo Mançano Fernandes, “Introduction: Peasant Movements in Latin America: Looking Back, Moving Ahead, *Latin American Perspectives*, Vol. 36, No. 4, (July 2009), pp. 3-8

Kenneth M. Roberts, “The Crisis of Labor Politics in Latin America: Parties and Labor Movements during the Transition to Neoliberalism”, *International Labor and Working-Class History*, No. 72, (Fall, 2007), pp. 116-133

Week 12: S. Ellner. *Latin America’s Radical Left: Challenges and Complexities of Political*

*Power in the Twenty-First Century*, 2014.

G. Prevost, C. O. Campos, and H. E. Vanden. *Social Movements and Leftist*

*Governments in Latin America Confrontation or Co-Optation?.* London: Zed Books, 2012.

R. Burbach, M. Fox, and F. Fuentes. *Latin America’s Turbulent*

*Transitions: The Future of Twenty-First Century Socialism*. London; New York; Halifax:

Zed Books ; Fernwood Publishing, 2013.

**Lectures and Classes:**

Formal lecture and students’ presentations

**Grading:**

Individual presentations during the class (25-30 minutes) and a short research paper on a specific theme related to one of the topics of the course (7-10 pages); take-home final exam.