

**Political Science 261/261W
Latin American Politics
Wednesday 2:00 - 4:40
Computer Science Building 209**

raises important questions and criticisms for discussion. Please send me via email no later than Tuesday night a one-two hand out of your summary of the readings, which I will copy for the entire class (25 students). The precise number of readings each student is responsible for leading will depend on the size of the seminar. A sign-up sheet will be circulated the first week of class.

Exams

Susan C. Stokes. 2001.
. New York: Cambridge University Press.

Barbara Geddes. 1994.
Berkeley: UC Press.

Articles

All articles are available on-line through the University of Rochester library course reserves.

Weekly Class Schedule:

Week 1, September 2: Course Introduction (short class)

Course Introduction and Presentation Assignments

Week 2, September 9: Latin American Political Development

Skidmore, Thomas and Peter Smith. 2005. "The Transformation of Modern Latin America: 1880's-1990's" in (sixth edition) pages 42-68.

[Douglass North, Barry Weingast and William Summerhill](#). 2000. "Order, Disorder, and Economic Change: Latin America v. North America" in Bruce Bueno de M(h A) -096 128.332 476.58cm

Mainwaring, Scott and Aníbal Pérez-Liñán, "Latin American Democratization Since 1978: Democratic Transitions, Breakdowns, and Erosions," (Chapter 1) in
. New York: Cambridge University Press
Books.

Brinks, Daniel and Michael Coppedge. 2006. "Diffusion Is No Illusion: Neighbor Emulation in the Third Wave of Democracy" 39(4): 463-489.

Week 5, September 30: Games of Transition I

Guillermo O'Donnell and Philippe C. Schmitter 1986.
. Baltimore: Johns Hopkins
University Press. (Chapters 1-7)

Elizabeth Jean Wood. 2000. "The Structural Foundations of a Pact" from
NY:
Cambridge University Press.

Week 6, October 7: Games of Transition II

Adam Przeworski, "Transitions to Democracy," in
New
York: Cambridge University Press. (Chapter 2)

Geddes, Barbara. 1999. "What Do We Know About Democratization After Twenty Years?" 2:115-44

Week 7, October 14: Advances and Setbacks

Francis Hagopian and Scott Mainwaring (editors).
New York: Cambridge University Press Books
(introduction, chapter 2, chapter 5, chapter 10, conclusion)

Week 8, October 21: First Midterm Exam

Week 9, October 28: The State and Reform in Latin America

Barbara Geddes. 1994.
Berkeley: UC Press. (Entire book)

Guest Speaker

Week 10, November 4: Accountability and Representation

Susan C. Stokes 2001.
. New York: Cambridge University Press. (Entire book)

