

Course Number

PSC-245-01

Course Description

Leadership and politics in Latin America are often characterized as populist, but there is widespread disagreement as to what populism is. Claimed by no one, most of the time populism is blamed, disapprovingly, upon leaders and movements connoting demagoguery, manipulative appeals to people's emotions and disregard for formal institutions and rules. Interestingly, a similar characterization of populism has recently entered politics in countries such as France or the U.S. With a main focus on Latin America, extending the discussion outside the region, this course scrutinizes three different populist moments, from the first half of the 20th century to the present. Major figures such as Peron or Vargas; neoliberal reformers from the 1990s, from Fujimori to Menem, and recent Latin American leaders, from Chavez, to Fernandez de Kirchner, plus a few salient cases from outside the region (e.g. Trump, Le Pen) will be examined in the class.

Academic Term

21/WI

Instructor

Seri, Guillermina

Location & Meeting Time

Synchronous Online-ONLI M/W/F 12:20PM-01:25PM LEC

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Credits

1.00

Capacity

25

Total Students

25

Additional Information

<http://www.union.edu/PoliticalScience>

Common Curriculum

SOCS Social Science

Interdisciplinary Programs

Latin American Studies

Academic Department

Political Science

Field Of Study

Political Science (PSC)