

Mexico Program, March 2009

Course Requirements

1. A book review of either Jorge G. Castañeda, *Ex Mex: From Migrants to Immigrants* (New Press, 2007) or Julia Preston and Samuel Dillon, *Opening Mexico: The making of a Democracy* (Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2005), maximum 1,000 words, due February 28 at the latest (20% of course grade).

Please note that the book review is due on February 28, the day of the pre-departure lecture.

2. An essay entitled “Mexico 2009: Impressions and Ideas,” based on the trip itself, maximum 1,500 words, due March 20 at the latest (20% of course grade).

3. A policy paper on an issue relating to the Mexico course, chosen in consultation with the academic director, maximum 5,000 words, due April 24 at the latest (60% of course grade).

Reading List

Required:

Jorge G. Castañeda, *Ex Mex: From Migrants to Immigrants* (New Press, 2007)

Julia Preston and Samuel Dillon, *Opening Mexico: The making of a Democracy* (Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2005)

Andrew Selee, *More Than Neighbors: An Overview of Mexico and U.S.–Mexico Relations* (Woodrow Wilson Center, 2007)

(<http://www.wilsoncenter.org/topics/pubs/Mexico.More%20Than%20Neighbors3.pdf>)

Luis Rubio and Jeffrey Davidow, “Mexico's Disputed Election”, *Foreign Affairs*, September/October 2006

“Mexico rebuffs ‘failed state’ claims,” *Financial Times*, January 18, 2009

“The end of the American dream”, *Economist*, December 11, 2008

“Felipe Calderón and Barack Obama meet,” *Economist Intelligence Unit ViewsWire*, January 13, 2008

(http://www.economist.com/agenda/displaystory.cfm?story_id=12923445)

Recommended: Background Reading

Charles Bowden, *Down by the River: Drugs, Money, Murder, and Family* (Simon and Schuster, 2004)

Vicente Fox with Rob Allyn, *Revolution of Hope: The Life, Faith, and Dreams of a Mexican President* (Viking, 2007)

Santiago Levy, *Good Intentions, Bad Outcomes: Social Policy, Informality, and Economic Growth in Mexico* (Brookings Institution Press, 2008)

David Lida, *First Stop in the New World: Mexico City, the Capital of the Twenty-first Century* (Riverhead, 2008)

David Haugh, Roselyne Jamin and Bruno Rocha, *Maximizing Mexico's Gains from Integration into the World Economy*, OECD Working Paper 657, December 17, 2008 ([http://www.oilis.oecd.org/oilis/2008doc.nsf/LinkTo/NT00007A46/\\$FILE/JT03257651.PDF](http://www.oilis.oecd.org/oilis/2008doc.nsf/LinkTo/NT00007A46/$FILE/JT03257651.PDF))

Ambassador Arturo Sarukhan, "[Mexico Dispatch](#)" January 2009

Luis Alberto Urrea, *The Devil's Highway: A True Story* (Back Bay Books, 2005)

Economist Intelligence Unit, Mexico Country Profile and Report

Recommended: Background Websites

Inter-American Bank: Mexico

(http://www.iadb.org/countries/Home.cfm?id_country=ME)

International Monetary Fund: Mexico and the IMF

(<http://www.imf.org/external/country/MEX/index.htm>)

OECD Economic Survey of Mexico 2007, OECD Policy Brief, October 2007

(<http://www.oecd.org/dataoecd/19/24/39425922.pdf>)

[Note: The next OECD Economic Report for Mexico is being prepared for publication in 2009]

Woodrow Wilson Center: Mexico Institute

(http://www.wilsoncenter.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=topics.home&topic_id=5949)

World Bank: Mexico Country Brief

(<http://web.worldbank.org/WBSITE/EXTERNAL/COUNTRIES/LACEXT/MEXICOEXTN/0,,contentMDK:20185184~menuPK:338403~pagePK:1497618~piPK:217854~theSitePK:338397,00.html>)