

**LASO I**  
**AN OVERVIEW OF HISTORY, SOCIETY AND POLITICS OF LATIN AMERICA**  
**AND THE CARIBBEAN SINCE COLONIZATION**

Course Rationale:

The course intends to introduce to the students a brief insight into the historical evolution, society, politics and development of the Latin American region paying special emphasis on the larger countries of Brazil, Argentina and Mexico.

**UNIT I. Colonial Period:** Advent of the Iberians and the Age of the Conquistadores. Background of the Indian and African Role, Imperial Organizations of the Spanish and the Portuguese: Administrative, Economic, Social and Religious.

**UNIT II. Independence Movements and National Revolutions:** Factors, Nature and Content, Simon Bolivar, San Martin and their Campaigns, Independence of Brazil, Argentina and Mexico.

**UNIT III. Emergence of National Identities and Independence:** Constitutionalism, Caudillismo and Personalismo, Church, Landed Oligarchy and the Military; Church-State Conflict.

**UNIT IV. Economic Development and Trade:** Impact of Foreign Capital and Investment, Abolition of Slavery and Immigration; Brazil: The Empire of Brazil during Pedro I and Pedro II; The First Republic, 1889-1930. Mexico: The Era of Porfirio Dias; the Mexican Revolution; Role of Foreign Investment; Class formation and Structure: Ruling Elite, Industrial and Business Class, Middle Sector, Working Class and Peasantry.

**UNIT V. Latin American Governments:** Constitutional Structure; Executive-Legislative-Judicial Relations; Federalism Trends towards Presidentialism and Parliamentarianism.

**UNIT VI. The Rise of Authoritarianism:** Brazil, Argentina, Chile, Democratization Process in Latin America, Civil-Military Relations; Growth, Equity and Democracy.

**UNIT VII. Democracy, Civil Society and the Rise of New Left in Latin America:** Third Wave of Democratization, Pragmatic Left, Ideological Left etc.

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Barrett, Jeffrey V., *Impulse to Revolution in Latin America*. New York: Praeger, 1985.

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Dabene, Olivier, *The Politics of Regional Integration in Latin America*. New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2009.

## LASO II POLITICAL ECONOMY OF LATIN AMERICA

### Course Rationale:

The course intends to introduce the students to the economic structures and functioning and its impact on society and the region of Latin America and the Caribbean.

**UNIT I. Society and Economy in Latin America and the Caribbean the Nineteenth Century:** Colonial Powers, Agriculture, Trade, Industry, Foreign Investment, Foreign Capital; Catholic Religion, Traditional Clerical Hierarchy, Liberation Theology, Hinduism in the Caribbean, Occultism, Voodooism; The Role of Women in Latin America Society and Economy.

**UNIT III. Economic Development of Latin America in the Twentieth Century:** Economic Imperialism; US Hegemony over Latin America; Great Depression and I-S-I, Role of Multi-Nationals, Debt and Dependency; Liberalization and Restructuring: Urbanisation, Industrialisation and Modernisation.

**UNIT IV. Regional Development Strategy and Regional Integration Movements:** LAFTA, SELA, CARICOM, CARIFTA, CAN, ECLA, NAFTA, MERCOSUR, FTAA, Pacific Alliance.

**UNIT V. Globalisation and Regionalism:** Financial Crisis, Growth and Development, Transcontinental Linkages with EU, China, India, IBSA, BRICS.

**UNIT VI. Contemporary Issues:** Energy Security, Food Security, Poverty Elimination, Migration, Environment and Development, Narco-Terrorism and Drug Trafficking and Implication for the Society, Intractable Conflicts and Guerrilla Warfare.

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Celso, Furtado, *Economic Development of Latin America: Historical Background Contemporary Problems*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1976.

Moran, Theodore M., *Multinational Corporations and the Politics of Dependence: Copper in Chile*. New Jersey: Praeger, 1977.

Ramsaran, Ramesh F., *U.S. Investment in Latin America and the Caribbean*. New York: St. Martin's Press, 1985.

Rhys, Jenkins, *Transnational Corporations and Industrial Transformation in Latin America*. Basingstoke & London: Macmillan, 1988.

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