

LATIN AMERICA & EUROPE: PAST & PRESENT OF A SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP

Practical Information:

Number of ECTS points: 5

Number of Contact Hours: 30

Type of Course: Mandatory

Course Code: WSM-IE/MA/EC/RS2

Prerequisites:

Location: Rynek Główny (Main Square) 34, room 9

Lecturers:

Dr. Karol Derwich

Description: Through an interdisciplinary approach in the social sciences and the humanities (political science, international relations, sociology, philosophy) the seminar explores a wide range of topics connected to Latin American history, identity, politics and society while tracing its relation to Europe and European thought, thus identifying commonalities, discrepancies, contrasts, conflicts and opportunities in the process of identity building and its different socio-historical contexts such as independence, nation building, modernity and the role in international system.

Learning Outcomes:

The course will provide students with theoretical background on the history of the relationship between Latin America and Europe in different social contexts. Students will be able to analyze contemporary Latin American issues, while locating them in a larger global context and comparing them, when relevant, with a/the European context. Students will be able to:

- Identify the role of Europe in the development of a Latin American identity
- Identify historical stages of the relationship between the two continents
- Bridge, through an interdisciplinary approach, the fields of Latin American and European Studies
- Understand contemporary place of Latin American and the Caribbean region in contemporary international relations.
- Identify and understand selected contemporary phenomenon in Latin American countries with the focus on the role of Europe.

Assessment: Students will be assessed based in their participation in class and preparation for it (complete assigned readings). Students a required to prepare a group project (groups between 3 to 4 persons) dedicated to the subject of the course and consulted with lecturer as well as a final paper. Students must choose, analyse and discuss a relevant topic to the course using an interdisciplinary approach. The final note is e median of notes for the project and paper.

Breakdown of ECTS points:

Class participation: 1.0 ECTS

Group project: 2.0 ECTS

final paper: 2.0 ECTS

No.	Lecturer	Session Title
1	Dr Karol Derwich	Introduction to the course
2	Dr. Karol Derwich	Latin America – what, where, why?
3	Dr. Karol Derwich	Latin American studies in Europe.
4	Dr. Karol Derwich	Independence came from outside
5	Dr. Karol Derwich	Liberals and conservatives and their impact on Latin America
6		Struggling for Latin America – the Monroe Doctrine and the Europeans
7	Dr. Karol Derwich	Positivism in Latin American or Latin American Positivism?
8		Latin Americans means who?
9	Dr. Karol Derwich	Pan-Americanism. From Simon Bolivar to the Summits of the Americas
10	Dr. Karol Derwich	Cuba 1959 – Cuban or communist revolution?
11	Dr. Karol Derwich	Transatlantic Triangle: U.S. – Europe – Latin America
12	Dr. Karol Derwich	European Union and Latin America
13	Dr. Karol Derwich	Latin American in the 21 st Century: Political culture



14	Dr. Karol Derwich	Latin American in the 21 st Century: Democracy building
15	Dr. Karol Derwich	Latin American in the 21 st Century: Human Rights.