

Brazil in Transition: Global Perspectives on a Changing Nation

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Credits: 02

Course Objectives

The Brazil's transition from a military dictatorship to a market democracy took place in the context of major changes that transformed global politics in the 1970s and 1980s. The rise of international finance, the growth of human rights as a new approach to politics, the "Third Wave" of democratization, the development of the international environmental movement, and the drugs trade all had a major impact on Brazilian domestic developments. Through a combination of lectures and group discussion of documents from the period, Brazil in Transition will give students a new perspective on Brazil's past, as well as its future challenges.

Requirements

The course will be conducted entirely in English. Good English reading comprehension and writing skills are therefore required.

Evaluation

The course will be assessed in the following form:

20% Class participation

80% Take-home exam

The exam will be set at the end of the final class (Friday). It will consist of five questions of which students will be required to answer one. Completed exams should be submitted to james.cameron@fgv.br by midnight on Saturday, 28 July.

Class	Subject	Reading
1	The 1970s and 1980s as the cradle of modern globalization	<p>Niall Ferguson “Crisis, What Crisis? The 1970s and the Shock of the Global,” in Niall Ferguson, Charles S. Maier, Erez Manela & Daniel J. Sargent (eds.), <i>The Shock of the Global: The 1970s in Perspective</i> (Belknap Press, 2012), 1-21</p> <p>Matias Spektor, “Brazilian assessments of the end of the Cold War,” in Artemy Kalinovsky & Sergey Radchenko (eds.), <i>The End of the Cold War and the Third World: New perspectives on regional conflict</i> (http://bibliotecadigital.fgv.br/dspace/bitstream/handle/10438/8112/Brazilian%20assessments%20of%20the%20end%20of%20the%20Cold%20War.pdf?sequence=1)</p>
2	Trade and international finance	<p>Andrew Hurrell, “The Limits of Independence, Figueiredo, the Third World and the Debt Crisis” in Andrew Hurrell, <i>The Quest for Autonomy</i>, 311-44</p> <p>Marcelo de Paiva Abreu, “The Brazilian Economy, 1980-1994,” in Leslie Bethell (ed.), <i>Brazil Since 1930</i> (Cambridge University Press, 2008), 395-429.</p>
3	Human rights	<p>Samuel Moyn, <i>The Last Utopia: Human Rights in History</i> (Harvard University Press, 2010), 120-75</p> <p>James N. Green, “Clerics, Exiles and</p>

		Academics: Opposition to the Brazilian Military Dictatorship in the United States, 1969-1974,” <i>Latin American Politics and Society</i> 45 (Spring 2003), 95-111
4	The “Third Wave” of democratization	Andrew Hurrell, “The International Dimensions of Democratization in Latin America: The Case of Brazil,” in Laurence Whitehead (eds.), <i>The International Dimensions of Democratization: Europe and the Americas</i> (Oxford University Press, 2001), 146-74.
5	Environmentalism and the War on Drugs	Seth Garfield, “The Brazilian Amazon and the Transnational Environmental Movement, 1940-1994,” in Erika Marie Bsumek, David Kinkela & Mark Atwood Lawrence (eds.), <i>Nation-States and the Global Environment: New Approaches to International Environmental History</i> (Oxford University Press, 2013), 228-51. Frank O. Mara, “Victims of the Balloon Effect: Drug Trafficking and U.S. Policy in Brazil and the Southern Cone of Latin America,” <i>The Journal of Social, Political and Economic Studies</i> , 21:2 (summer 1996), 115-140.