

Course Outline

Introductory Seminar: **From Micaela Bastidas Puyucagua to José Ángel Icó. Latin America in the 'Long' Nineteenth Century**

Summer term 24

With the end of the Iberian colonial empires in the first third of the 'long' nineteenth century, numerous new nation-states emerged in Latin America. This marked the beginning of a process of nation-state building in the region we commonly refer to as Latin America, a process that was often shaped by both internal and external conflicts. At the same time, following independence, new forms of (economic) dependency soon emerged from the middle of the century onwards, as many regions became increasingly integrated into the capitalist world market. This seminar offers an introduction to the diverse and multifaceted history of Latin America. Yet rather than focusing exclusively on these 'major developments', we will use recent scholarship and primary sources to examine what these changes meant for specific regions and communities. What role, for example, did the predominantly Indigenous, Quechua- and Aymara-speaking inhabitants of the Andean highlands, such as Micaela Bastidas Puyucagua, play in conflicts with the colonial empire? How did parts of the rural population in Guatemala, such as José Ángel Icó, respond to the increasing integration of many regions into the capitalist world market? Alongside these guiding questions and themes, the seminar will provide students with an introduction to the fundamental methods of historical research and critical source analysis. Spanish language skills are not required, but a good ability to read academic English is expected.

Session 1 | 16.04.24 | Introduction to Latin American History

Session 2 | 23.04.24 | Independence: The 'Revolutionary Atlantic'

Literature: THOMSON, Sinclair: On the Origins of Latin American Independence. A Reappraisal of Colonial Crisis, Popular Politics, and Atlantic Revolution in the Eighteenth Century, in: The Cambridge Companion to Latin American Independence, ed. by Marcela Echeverri/Cristina Soriano, Cambridge et al. 2023, p. 21-53.

Further literature: ADELMAN, Jeremy: An Age of Imperial Revolutions, in: The American Historical Review 113/2 (2008), p. 319-340.

Source: Letters, edicts and pamphlets relating to the Tupac Amaru Rebellion: STAVIG, Ward/SCHMIDT Ella (eds.): The Tupac Amaru and Catarista Rebellions. An Anthology of Sources, Indianapolis/Cambridge 2008.

Session 3 | 30.04.24 | Independence: Cortes de Cádiz

Literature: BREÑA, Roberto: The Cortes of Cádiz and the Spanish Liberal Revolution of 1810-1814. Atlantic and Spanish American Dimensions, in: The Cambridge History of the Age of Atlantic Revolutions, Vol. III: The Iberian Empires, hsrsg. v. Wim KLOOSTER, Cambridge 2023, S. 102-123.

Source: Constitución de la Monarquía Española (Constitución de Cádiz)

Session 4 | 07.05.24 | Independence: (Civil) Wars

Literature: MCFARLANE, Anthony/Pimenta, João Paulo: Independence in Iberian America, in: The Iberian World. 1450-1820, ed. by Fernando J. ALVAREZ BOUZA/Pedro CARDIM/Antonio FEROS, New York 2019, p. 672-694.

Further literature: ARCHER, Christon I.: Independence and the Generation of the Generals, 1810-1848, in: A Companion to Mexican History and Culture, ed. by William H. BEEZLEY, Oxford/Malden 2011, p. 251-261.

Session 5 | 16.05.24 | Independence: From *pueblos* to *pueblo*

Literature: PORTILLO, José María: The Coming of States? The Nineteenth Century, in: The Cambridge History of Latin American Law in Global Perspective, ed. by Thomase DUVE/Tamar HERZOG, Cambridge et al. 2024, S. 294-321.

Further literature: PORTILLO, José M.: Early Liberalism. Emancipation and Its Limits, in: The Cambridge Companion to Latin American Independence, ed. by Marcela ECHEVERRI/Cristina SORIANO, Cambridge 2023, p. 267-287; Dym, Jordana: From Sovereign Villages to National States. City, State, and Federation in Central America, 1759-1839, Albuquerque 2006.

Source: The Bolivian Constitution (1826)

Session 6 | 21.05.24 | Nation-State Building: Simón Bolívar and 'Gran Colombia'

Literature: EASTMAN, Scott/SOBREVILLA PEREA, Natalia: Independence and Nation-Building in Latin America. Race and Identity in the Crucible of War, Abingdon/New York 2022, Chapter 4: Total War.

Further Literature: DANTAS, Monica/SABA Roberto: Contestations and Exclusions, in: The Cambridge History of Latin American Law in Global Perspective, ed. by Thomas DUVE/Tamar HERZOG, Cambridge et al. 2024, p.345-388.

Source: The Jamaica Letter: Response from a South American to a Gentlemen from this Island (6 September 1815); Manifesto on the Execution of General Manuel Piar (17 October 1817) and

SARMIENTO, Domingo Fustino: Barbarei und Zivilisation. Das Leben des Facundo Quiroga, Frankfurt Main 2007, Chapter 1: Physisches Erscheinungsbild der Argentinischen Republik samt den von ihr erzeugten Charakteren, Sitten und Ideen, p. 27-46.

Session 7 | 28.05.24 | No class

Exercise: Write an excerpt of the reading for Session 8, submission deadline: 29 May 2024.

Session 8 | 04.06.24 | Nation-State Building: José Martí and the Cuban Case

Literature: GARCÍA DE LA TORRE, Armando: The Contradictions of Late Nineteenth-Century Nationalist Doctrines. Three Keys to the 'Globalism' of José Martí's Nationalism, in: Journal of Global History 3/1 (2008), p. 67-88.

Source: MARTÍ, José: Unser Amerika, in: Der lange Kampf Lateinamerikas. Texte und Dokumente von José Martí bis Salvador Allende, ed. by Angel RAMA, p. 56-67.

Session 9 | 11.06.24 | Nation-State Building: Guerra de Castas in Yucatán

Literature: DUTT, Rajeshwari: Crossing Over. Caciques, Indigenous Politics, and the Vecino World in Caste War Yucatán, in: Ethnohistory 61/4 (2014), p. 739-759.

Further literature: SABAU, Ana: Riot and Rebellion in Mexico. The Making of a Race War Paradigm, Austin 2022; DUTT, Rajeshwari: Maya Caciques in Early National Yucatán, Norman 2017; RUGELEY, Terry: Rebellion Now and Forever. Mayas, Hispanics, and Caste War Violence in Yucatán, 1800-1880, Stanford 2009; REED, Nelson A.: The Caste War of Yucatán, Stanford 2001; RUGELEY, Terry: Yucatán's Maya Peasantry and the Origins of the Caste War, Austin 1996.

Session 10 | 18.06.24 | Nation-State Building: José Carlos Mariátegui and the 'Indian Question'

Literature: CORONADO, Jorge: The Andes Imagined. Indigenismo, Society, and Modernity, Pittsburgh 2009, Chapter 1: The Revolutionary Indio: José Carlos Mariátegui's Indigenismo.

Further literature: KALTMEIER, Olaf: Indigenismo, online: InterAmerican Wiki. Terms – Concepts – Critical Perspectives, <https://www.uni-bielefeld.de/einrichtungen/cias/publikationen/wiki/i/indigenismo.xml> [09.04.24].

Source: MARIÁTEGUI, José Carlos: Das Indianerproblem, in: Der lange Kampf Lateinamerikas. Texte und Dokumente von José Martí bis Salvador Allende, ed. by Angel RAMA, p. 200-214.

Session 11 | 20.06.24 | Science: Alexander von Humboldt

Literature: ACHIM, Miruna/GOLDIN MARCOVICH, Gabriela: Air in a Flask. The Mexican Making of Humboldt's Objects of Knowledge, in: The Invention of Humboldt. On the Geopolitics of Knowledge, ed. by Mark THURNER/Jorge CAÑIZARES-ESGUERRA, New York/Abingdon 2023, p. 233-258.

Further literature: THURNER, Mark/CAÑIZARES-ESGUERRA, Jorge: Introduction. Under Humboldt's Footsteps, in: The Invention of Humboldt. On the Geopolitics of Knowledge, ed. by Mark THURNER/Jorge CAÑIZARES-ESGUERRA, New York/Abingdon 2023, p. 1-12.; PODGORNÝ, Irina: Bonpland's Cactus, Or Trafficking in Exotics and Ignorance, in: The Invention of Humboldt. On the Geopolitics of Knowledge, ed. by Mark THURNER/Jorge CAÑIZARES-ESGUERRA, New York/Abingdon 2023, p. 272-301.

Source: Brief von Johann Jakob Tschudi an Alfred Escher vom 24. März 1842, online: Digitale Briefedition Alfred Escher, <https://briefedition.alfred-escher.ch/briefe/B0265> [10.04.24]; HUMBOLDT, Alexander: Political Essay on the Kingdom of New Spain, New York 1811.

Session 12 | 25.06.24 | Science: Symbol of Power, Idol, Museum Artifact

Literature: GÄNGER, Stefanie: Relics of the Past. The Collecting and Study of pre-Columbian Antiquities in Peru and Chile, 1837-1911 (Oxford Studies in the History of Archaeology), Oxford et al. 2014, Chapter 1: The Mascapaycha: Collections of Incan Antiquities in Cuzco.

Further literature: ACHIM, Miruna: From Idols to Antiquity. Forging the National Museum of Mexico (The Mexican Experience), Lincoln/London 2017.

Source: Object Mascapaycha

Session 13 | 27.06.24 | New Dependencies: 'Informal Empire' in the Rio de la Plata Region

Literature: FERNS, Henry Stanley: Britain's Informal Empire in Argentina, 1806-1914, in: Past & Present 4 (1953), p. 60-75; SHAWCROSS, Edward: France, Mexico and Informal Empire in Latin America, 1820-1867. Equilibrium in the New World (Cambridge Imperial and Post-Colonial Studies Series), Cham 2018, Chapter: Introduction, p. 1-35.

Further literature: BROWN, Matthew (eds.): Informal Empire in Latin America. Culture, Commerce and Capital (Bulletin of Latin American Research Book Series), Oxford 2008; MCLEAN, David: War, Diplomacy and Informal Empire. Britain and the Republics of La Plata, 1836-1853, London et al. 1995.

Session 14 | 02.07.24 | New Dependencies: ‚Second Conquest‘ in Guatemala

Literatur: GALLINI, Stefanie: A Maya Mam Agro-ecosystem in Guatemala's Coffee Revolution. Costa Cuca, 1830s-1880s, in: Territories, Commodities and Knowledge. Latin American Environmental Histories in the Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries, ed. by Christian Brannstrom, London 2004, p. 23-49.

Further literature: GIBBINGS, Julie: "Their Debts Follow them into the afterlife." German Settler, Ethnographic Knowledge, and the Forging of Coffee Capitalism in Nineteenth-Century Guatemala, in: Comparative Studies in Society and History 62/2 (2020), p. 389-420.

Source: SAPPER, Karl: Die soziale Stellung der Indianer in der Alta Verapaz, in: Petermann's Geographischen Mitteilungen 37 (1891), p. 44-46.

Session 15 | 04.07.24 | New Dependencies: ‚Commodity Frontiers‘ in Brazil

Literature: BARTOLETTI, Tomás: Global Territorialization and Mining Frontiers in Nineteenth-Century Brazil. Capitalist Anxieties and the Circulation of Knowledge between British and Habsburgian Imperial Spaces, ca. 1820-1850, in: Comparative Studies in Society and History 65/1 (2023), p. 81-114.

Sources: Maps of the ‚Costa Grande‘ in Guatemala and Minas Gerais in Brazil

Session 16 | 09.07.24 | New Dependencies: United Fruit and Fordlandia

Literature: MARQUARDT, Steve: "Green Havoc." Panama Disease, Environmental Change, and Labor Process in Central American Banana Industry, in: The American Historical Review 106/1 (2001), p. 49-80.

Further literature: GRANDIN, Greg: Fordlandia. The Rise and Fall of Henry Ford's Forgotten Jungle City, New York 2009.

Source: 'Bananaland' - Advertisement by the United Fruit Company

Session 17 | 11.07.24 | Alternatives: Próspero Cahuantzi and Diego Rivera

Literature: SUMNER, Jaclyn Ann: The Indigenous Governor of Tlaxcala and Acceptable Indigenousness in the Porfirian Regime, in Mexican Studies 35/1 (2019), p. 61-87.

Source: Murals: Unión de la Expresión Artística del Norte y Sur de este Continente and Man at the Crossroads by Diego Rivera

Session 18 | 16.07.24 | Alternatives: José Ángel Icó and the *Club Unionista*

Literatur: GIBBINGS, Julie: *Our Time Is Now. Race and Modernity in Postcolonial Guatemala*, Cambridge 2020, p. 231-267.

Session 19 | 18.07.24 | Research Questions

Presentation and discussion of research questions for the Seminar Papers

Session 20 | 23.07.24 | Research Questions

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Session 21 | 25.07.24 | Concluding Discussion
