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COURSE DESCRIPTION AND OBJECTIVES

In an era of globalization, free trade, and increasing integration between Mexico and the United States, several areas of American (Mexican) public policy are influenced by Mexican (American) politics and Mexican (U.S.) economic development. This is particularly evident in the Mexico-U.S. border region. Among the policy areas in the Mexico-U.S. border region mostly influenced by politics and socioeconomic developments in the two countries are: social policy, immigration policy, national security, public health and environmental policies.

This graduate level course examines the political dynamics and the main policy issues in the Mexico-U.S. border region today. For this purpose, we will first review the historic, geographic, demographic, cultural, economic, social and political dimensions of the Mexico-U.S. border region. We will particularly assess the economic conditions, governance structures, social policy issues, and binational relations in the border region. Then, we will analyze border politics and policy in the following 6 areas: 1) economic development, 2) labor, 3) migration, 4) public health, 5) the environment, and 6) security.

The material for some sessions of the course will be complemented by presentations of guest speakers who are specialists or practitioners in key areas of public policy in the Mexico-U.S. border region.

READING MATERIALS

The required readings listed below each class are essential to understand the course. The recommended readings list provides supplementary materials to pursue topics in greater depth for your final papers, oral presentations and independent study. The online links represent additional sources of information.

Books can be ordered directly from the publishers, or from Amazon.com, Barnes & Noble, Borders, etc. There is a book order for this specific course at Barnes & Noble (required texts).

REQUIRED TEXTS:

1. Anderson, Joan B. and James Gerber. *Fifty Years of Change on the U.S.-Mexico Border: Growth, Development, and Quality of Life*. Austin, TX: University of Texas Press, 2007. ISBN-13: 978-0292717190.
2. Danelo, David, J. *The Border: Exploring the U.S.-Mexican Divide*. Stackpole Books, 2008. ISBN-13: 978-0811703932.
3. Esparza, Adrian X. and Angela Joy Donelson. *The Colonias Reader: Economy, Housing and Public Health in U.S.-Mexico Border Colonias*. Tucson, AZ: University of Arizona Press, 2010. ISBN-13: 978-0816528523.
4. Stratfor. *Mexico in Crisis: Lost Borders and the Struggle for Regional Status*. Austin, TX: Stratfor, 2009. ISBN-13: 978-1449905712.
5. Massey, Douglas S., Jorge Durand and Nolan J. Malone, *Beyond Smoke and Mirrors: Mexican Immigration in an Era of Economic Integration*. New York, NY: Russell Sage Foundation, 2003. ISBN-13: 978-0871545909.

RECOMMENDED TEXTS:

1. Akers Chacon, Justin and Mike Davis. *No One Is Illegal: Fighting Racism and State Violence on the U.S.-Mexico Border*. Chicago, IL: Haymarket Books, 2006.
2. Andreas, Peter. *Border Games: Policing the U.S.-Mexico Divide* (second edition). Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press, 2009.
3. Annerino, John. *Dead in Their Tracks: Crossing America's Desert Borderlands*. New York, NY: Four Walls Eight Windows, 1999 (UTB's library: electronic book).

4. Barry, Tom, Harry Browne, and Beth Sims. *Crossing the Line: Immigrants, Economic Integration, and Drug Enforcement on the U.S.-Mexico Border*. Albuquerque: Resource Center Press, 1994.
5. Betts, Dianne C., Daniel J. Slottje and Jesus Vargas-Garcia. *Crisis on the Rio Grande: Poverty, Unemployment, and Economic Development on the Texas-Mexico Border*. Boulder, CO: Westview Press, 1994.
6. Clough-Riquelme, Jane and Nora L. Bringas. *Equity and Sustainable Development: Reflections from the US-Mexico Border*. Boulder, CO: Lynne Rienner, 2006.
7. Dunn, Timothy J. *The Militarization of the U.S.-Mexico Border, 1978-1992: Low-Intensity Conflict Doctrine Comes Home*. Austin: CMAS Books, University of Texas at Austin, 1996.
8. Fox, Claire, F. *The Fence and the River: Culture and Politics at the U.S.-Mexico Border*. Minneapolis, MN: University of Minnesota Press, 1999.
9. Gutierrez, David, ed. *Between Two Worlds: Mexican Immigrants in the United States*. Wilmington, NC: Scholarly Resources, 1996.
10. Huntington, Samuel P. *Who Are We: The Challenges to America's National Identity*. New York, NY: Simon & Schuster, 2004.
11. Ingram, Helen, et al. *Divided Waters: Bridging the U.S.-Mexico Border*. Tucson, AZ: University of Arizona Press, 1995.
12. Lugo, Alejandro. *Fragmented Lives, Assembled Parts: Culture, Capitalism, and Conquest at the U.S.-Mexico Border*. Austin, TX: University of Texas Press, 2008.
13. Maril, Robert L. *Patrolling Chaos: The U.S. Border Patrol in Deep South Texas*. Lubbock, TX: Texas Tech University Press, 2004.
14. Martinez, Oscar J. *Troublesome Border*, Revised Edition. Tucson, AZ: University of Arizona Press, 2006.
15. _____. *Border People: Life and Society in the U.S.-Mexico Borderlands*. Tucson, AZ: University of Arizona Press, 1994.
16. Meeds, Douglas. *Bloody Border: Riots, Battles, and Adventures along the Turbulent U.S.-Mexican Borderlands*. Tucson, AZ: Westernlore Press, 1992.

17. Nevines, Joseph. *Operation Gatekeeper: The Rise of the "Illegal alien" and the Making of the U.S.-Mexico Boundary*. New York, NY: Routledge, 2002.
18. Payan, Tony. *The Three U.S.-Mexico Border Wars: Drugs, Immigration, and Homeland Security*. New York, NY: Praeger, 2006.
19. Pugach, Marleen C. *On the Border of Opportunity: Education, Community, and Language at the U.S.-Mexico Line*. Mahwah, NJ: Lawrence Erlbaum Associates, 1998.
20. Ruiz, Ramón E. *On the Rim of Mexico: Encounters of the Rich and Poor*. Boulder, CO: Westview Press, 1998.
21. Sadowski-Smith, Claudia, ed. *Globalization on the Line: Culture, Capital, and Citizenship at U.S. Borders*. New York, NY: Palgrave Macmillan, 2002.
22. _____. *Violence and Activism at the Border: Gender, Fear, and Everyday Life in Ciudad Juarez*. Austin, TX: University of Texas Press, 2008.
23. Schaefer, Agnes. *Security in Mexico: Implications for U.S. Policy Options*. Santa Monica, CA: RAND Corporation, 2009.
24. Staudt, Kathleen. *Human Rights along the U.S.-Mexico Border: Gendered Violence and Insecurity*. Tucson, AZ: University of Arizona Press, 2009.
25. Spener, David and Kathleen Staudt, eds. *The U.S.-Mexico Border: Transcending Divisions, Contesting Identities*. Boulder, CO: Lynne Rienner Publishers, 1998.
26. Truett, Samuel. *Fugitive Landscapes: The Forgotten History of the U.S.-Mexico Borderlands*. New Haven, CT: Yale University Press, 2006.
27. Urban, Jessica LeAnn. *Nation, Immigration, and Environmental Security*. New York, NY: Palgrave Macmillan, 2008.

ADDITIONAL READING MATERIAL:

In addition to the required and recommended texts, there are a number of articles available on-line through UTB library. Further readings will be posted on Blackboard, so be sure to check UTB's website often.

[These materials will be posted **one week in advance of the relevant session**]

See also:

- U.S.-Mexico Border Issues: A Selected Bibliography from the Smithsonian Institution Libraries' Collections: (Compiled by Celia C. Perez; Smithsonian Institution Libraries Intern; University of South Florida; School of Library and Information Science; Summer 2000:
<http://www.sil.si.edu/silpublications/us-mexico-border-issues.htm>
- UCSB Border Studies Bibliography:
<http://research.ucsb.edu/ccs/biblio.pdf>