

LAST100: Introduction to Latin American Studies

Final Examination. December 14, 2015, 3:30-6pm, Room B209.

You must complete both parts of the exam. Do leave time to check over your work.

PART I (40%)

Choose *six* of the following concepts, and in each case write a brief (paragraph or two) definition and description. In your account, you should both a) say something about the concept as it applies to the region in general and b) give at least one specific example.

- a) Bolivarianism
- b) race
- c) representation
- d) liberalism
- e) left turns
- f) photography
- g) neoliberalism
- h) populism
- i) modernity
- j) revolution

PART II (60%)

Choose *one* of the following questions as the topic of a written essay.

- a) What has been the legacy of the colonial experience in Latin America? Drawing on specific examples and particular texts where relevant, discuss the ways in which the effects of Spanish and/or Portuguese colonialism can be seen in the postcolonial history of the region, and perhaps even today.
- b) What are the different forms of violence that have affected Latin America? Is this a particularly violent region, and if so, why? Drawing on specific examples and particular texts where relevant, discuss the varieties of violence that have marked Latin America's history, and draw distinctions between them where possible.
- c) What is Latin America's future? Drawing on specific examples and particular texts where relevant, discuss the recent history and present situation of the region, the tendencies and trends that are in operation, and assess possible outcomes. Are things looking up or down for Latin Americans?

Good luck!