

LAST100: Introduction to Latin American Studies

Final Examination. December 17, 2019, 3:30-6pm, Room B208

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) gender
- b) representation
- c) cities
- d) caudillos
- e) rights
- f) technology
- g) Chávez
- h) violence
- i) photography
- j) Che Guevara

PART II (60%)

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

- a) What is the history and impact of modernity and modernization in Latin America? Drawing on specific examples and particular texts where relevant, discuss how the region has been affected by modernity (a concept you will have to define), and also perhaps the ways in which it may challenge (some) conceptions of modernization.
- b) What has been the role of the state in Latin America? Drawing on specific examples and particular texts where relevant, discuss the history of the state in Latin America, and its relationship to the idea of the “nation,” from the colonial period to the present.
- c) Analyze recent events in *either* Bolivia (surrounding the departure of Evo Morales) *or* Chile (the widespread social protests), taking into consideration the ways in which they may reflect (or depart from) a longer history of rebellion and/or repression in the region. What are the short- and long-term causes of these events? What do you think will happen next?

Good luck!