

CENTRE FOR THE STUDY OF THE AMERICAS
SCHOOL OF INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

Course	:	PhD
Course No.	:	AW659
Course Title	:	Brazil in Global Affairs
Course Type (Core/Optional)	:	Optional
Course Teacher	:	Dr. Anshu Joshi
Credits Allotted	:	4 (Four)
Semester	:	Monsoon Semester
Contact hours	:	4 per week

Course Objective

The objective of this course is to trace the diplomatic history of Brazil and examine political, social and economic processes that have helped in shaping Brazil as a regional power in Latin America. It involves major socio-political and economic issues in Brazil. The course also intends to look at India-Brazil relations since 1947 emphasizing on multi-faced dimensions (political, social, economic and cultural). Brazil is playing a significant role in world politics today, and the course is designed to cover various aspects in this regard so that the students can understand multi-dimensional role of Brazil in global affairs.

Learning Outcomes

The course provides comprehensive knowledge about the diplomatic history of Brazil, its political, social and economic processes and structures; and its place in the world. The course also aims to provide a thorough understanding to the students about India-Brazil relations since 1947, related aspects and how both the countries are working to become global powers.

Evaluation Methods

Term Paper (30%)
Presentation (20%)
End-semester Examination (50%)

Course Content

Theme 1: Diplomatic history of Brazil

- Pre-colonial history
- Colonial history

Theme 2: Brazil in post-colonization era

- Political, economic and social structures of Brazil post colonization (1820-1880)
- The Republican order 1889-1930
- Getulio Vargas era-1930-1954 (The Revolution of 1930; Estado Novo; the coffee economy and the beginning of the industrialization process; Labor reforms under Vargas; populism)
- Political and economic developments from 1955-1964 (Kubitschek, Quadros and Goulart)
- The role of military in Brazilian Politics (1964-1985)
- Re-democratization and the return of civilian government (1985 onwards)
- Brazil in the 21st century

Theme 3: Brazil as an emerging regional power

- Role of Brazil in various regional alliances (MERCOSUL, UNASUR, CELAC etc.)
- Present challenges in the region and Brazilian response (Food and energy security, narcoterrorism, environment, economic security, regional integration)

Theme 4: Brazil as an emerging global power

- Global ambitions of Brazil
- Foreign Policy of Brazil
- Brazil & global powers (US, Russia, China)
- Global objectives and Brazil (Environmental issues, security issues, economic collaborations)
- Role of Brazil in various global alliances (UN, WTO, BRICS, IBSA, G20, OECD etc.)

Theme 5: India-Brazil relations since 1947

- Diplomatic relations
- Defence and strategic relations
- Economic relations
- Cultural relations

Select Readings

Theme 1

Leslie Bethell (ed.), *The Cambridge History of Latin America, Volume 9* (Cambridge University Press, 2008).

Joseph Smith, *A History of Brazil, Edition 1* (Routledge Publications, 2002).

Theme 2

Leslie Bethell (ed.), *The Cambridge History of Latin America, Volume 9* (Cambridge University Press, 2008).

Stanley J. Stein, *Vassouras: A Brazilian Coffee County, 1850-1890: The Roles of Planter and Slave in a Changing Plantation Society* (New York: Athenium, 1974).

Miguel Arraes, *Brazil: The People and the Power* (Pelican, 1972).

Hentschke, Jens R. (Ed.), *Vargas and Brazil: New Perspectives* (New York: Palgrave McMillan, 2006). 306 pp.

Thomas E. Skidmore, *Politics in Brazil, 1930-1964: An Experiment in Democracy* (Oxford University Press, 1967).

Rafael RossottoIoris and Antonio Augusto RossottoIoris, "Assessing development and the idea of development in the 1950s in Brazil," *Brazilian Journal of Political Economy*, Vol. 33, no. 3, July-September/2013, pp. 411-426.

David Collier (ed.), *The New Authoritarianism in Latin America* (Princeton University Press, 1980).

Boris Fausto and Sergio Fausto, *A Concise History of Brazil* (Cambridge University Press, 2014, second edition).

Frances Hagopian and Scott Mainwaring, "Democracy in Brazil: Origins, Problems, Prospects", Working Paper #100, September 1987.

Theme 3

Maria Regina Soares de Lima and Monica Hirst, "Brazil as an Intermediate State and Regional Power: Challenges and Opportunities," *International Affairs*, Vol. 82, No. 1, January 2006.

Roett, Riordan, *The New Brazil* (Washington, D.C. : Brookings Institution Press, 2011).

Theme 4

R. Narayanan, "Brazil's Changing Global Equations", *India Quarterly*, Vol. LXIII, Issue 1, 2007, pp. 21-56.

Monica Hirst, *An Overview of Brazilian Foreign Policy in the 21st Century*, SAIIA Policy Briefing, November 2009.

Joseph Smith, *Brazil and the United States: convergence and divergence* (Athens, Ga. 2010).

Monica Hirst, *Understanding Brazil-United States Relations: Contemporary History, Current Complexities and Prospects For The 21st Century*, Ministry of External Affairs, Brasilia, 2013.

Adriana Erthal Abdenur, “Brazil as a Rising Power: Coexistence through Universalism”, in *The BRICS and Coexistence: An Alternative Vision of World Order* (New York: Routledge, 2015).

Roberto P. Guimaraes, *The Ecopolitics of Development in the Third World: Politics and Environment in Brazil* (Boulder: Lynne Rienner, 1991).

Theme 5

India-Brazil bilateral relations, report by the Government of India,
https://mea.gov.in/Portal/ForeignRelation/Brazil_bilateral_brief_Jan_2020.pdf

Embassy of India Website: <https://eoibrasilia.gov.in/>

Vazquez, Karin Costa, *Brazil-India Relations, beyond 70 Years*, Alexandre de Gusmão Foundation, 2019).

***The list is dynamic in nature.**