

HIST 294-06/LATI 294-01
Macalester College, Fall 2008
The Andes: Race, Region, and Nation
TR 01:20 pm-02:50 pm , HUM 214

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Overview

This course will explore the formation and articulation of political, communal, and cultural identities in the Andes. It shall focus upon three primary categories that have been employed, both historically and scholastically, to order and analyze Andean society. These include race, regionalism, and nationalism. The goal of this course is to interrogate these constitutions of collective identity while providing an overview of major moments in Andean history, with an emphasis on the period 1750 to the present.

Books and Readings

The following books are available at the bookstore for purchase and will be on reserve in the library.

Kenneth J. Andrien, *Andean Worlds*
Brooke Larson, *Trials of Nation Making*
Juan Leon Mera, *Cumanda*
Hiram Bingham, *Lost City of the Incas*
Maria Eugenia Vasquez Perdomo, *My Life as a Colombian Revolutionary*

Other readings will be distributed via the course moodle site (see below). Please note that this is a cross-listed course – only the History moodle site will be regularly updated.

Assessment

Your grade will be based on the following elements:

1. 2 Response Papers (5-7 pages) – 20% each
2. Final Research Paper (10-12 pages) – 30%
3. Participation – 30%

Paper Guidelines

You have three written assignments for this course. The first two will integrate material from lectures, readings and discussion in response to topics that will be distributed on the course moodle site two weeks before their due dates (September 26 and October 24). The final paper will be a research paper into a topic of your choice, which you will propose and which must

be approved by Prof. Capello. Guidelines and suggested topics will be distributed before Fall Break. All your essays will be graded for internal coherence, analytical rigor, and control over the material discussed. You may wish to avail yourself of the resources of the MAX Center, which offers drop-in advice and consultation regarding writing projects. They are located in Kagin Commons and is open seven days a week. For more information, see their website (<http://www.macalester.edu/max/>)

Lateness Policy

Papers should be handed in by 4 pm on their due date to a box outside Prof. Capello's office. Emailed papers will not be accepted. *Papers turned in late will be penalized 1/3 grade per 24-hour period with a maximum penalty of two letter grades.* It is always better to turn in a late paper than no paper at all.

Participation

The success of our class depends upon your regular attendance and participation. Discussions will be one of the driving forces of this class – I expect you to have done the reading and be ready to courteously discuss the issues raised in readings. No cell phones, no loud foods, no laptops. If you are chronically absent, no matter how good you do on your papers, you will not pass the course.

Academic Integrity

Plagiarism in any form will not be tolerated. Be sure that your written work reflects your own ideas and be sure to properly attribute the work of others. For guidelines on how to avoid plagiarism, see <http://www.macalester.edu/max/writinghandbook/plagiarism.html>.

Moodle and Assignments

The course moodle site includes the course syllabus and will also serve as the distributor for weekly assignments (which will be uploaded two weeks in advance), paper prompts, and as a repository for electronic copies of readings. To access moodle, go to <http://moodle.macalester.edu/>, and login with your Macalester username and password. Once you have logged in, click on the course link in the My Courses section (please use the History 294-06 link).

Weekly Topics

- 8/28 Introduction
- 9/2 European and Andean Landscapes; Encounter
- 9/9 Culture, Religion, Power
- 9/16 Andean Insurrection
- 9/23 Emerging Nations I
Response Paper I Due 9/26
- 9/30 Emerging Nations II

- 10/7 Exports and Andean Cities
10/14 The Interwar Avant-Garde
No class 10/16 – Fall Break
10/21 Agrarian Reform and Civil War
Response Paper II Due 10/24
10/28 The Bolivian Revolution
11/4 La Violencia
11/11 Guerrillas
11/18 Cocaine
11/25 Contemporary Indigenism
No class 11/27 - Thanksgiving
12/2 Contemporary Social Movements/Conclusion
Final Paper due 12/4