

PRESENTATIONS FOR PILA 2005 – ALL GROUPS, APRIL 11 2005

Date	Members	Topic
4/25/2005: 9. Supreme courts and judicial reform	Randolph, Amanda E., Curry, Andrew Michael	April 25: Supreme court topic: When "ex-ante" processes to maintain the independence of the Supreme Court (e.g., life-appointments and staggering terms,) are thought to have failed, is there a principal with the authority to hold the judicial branch accountable? Ecuador as a case study.
4/27/2005: Brazil: The rise of the PT and its room for maneuver within the policy-making framework	Berkman, Heather L. Coughlin, Shaun J. Severtson, Lys Ella	PT in Brazil. We plan on determining whether the PT has maintained its identity as the definitive "workers party", or, after time of being involved with and forced to work with the other parties, has become just like any of the other parties. We will look at some of Lula's social policies, some of which have been accused of being clientelistic, and use this as a starting point to determine how the PT is dealing with its new time in the spotlight.
5/2/2005: Mexico: Gradual democratization and the Fox administration	Garreton, Daniela Han, Suemin Tuynman, Joshua Paul	How the PRI has adjusted to being an opposition party.

<p>5/4/2005: Argentina: Malapportionment and Populism— An institutionalizing federal democracy or a politicized state?</p>	<p>Hossain, Angel Lim, Elaine Basham, Scott</p>	<p>In order for Argentina to become a stable institution, more discipline is required over public spending initiatives and other economic policies. The role of governors play a significant role in what policies get implemented and how funds get distributed among subnational governments. As a result, the success or failure governors have over national funds demonstrate the strength/weakness of political parties and their leaders. Some recent political controversies regarding economic reform in which governors had a great deal of influence on the outcome include: The Plan Trabajar program, pension reform, privatization, dollarization, etc. We will focus on one or two of these controversies and relate how such controversies also affect presidential elections.</p>
<p>5/9/2005: Uruguay: Factionalized traditional parties in decline and the rise of the Broad Front</p>	<p>Brodsky, Roberta I. Kozak, Krystof Paz, Daniel E.</p>	<p>1) Uruguay leftist (but US-friendly) policies as confirmed/defined/punctuated by the political structure..</p>
<p>5/11/2005: Chile: Permanent two-way cleavage or the “three thirds” divisions re-emerging?</p>	<p>Cometto, Carolina S. Reeb, Lindsey N. Richman, Michelle L.</p>	<p>Chile: trial of Pinochet and how the judicial process and outcome of the trial may effect the next election, especially as it pertains to the right's chances of winning anytime soon.</p>
<p>5/16/2005: Peru: The Fujimori phenomenon and its aftermath</p>	<p>Alexiev, Nicole Mir, Shamiela Hayden, Neil</p>	<p>Peru's 2006 Presidential election focusing on Toldeo's demise and APRA's possible comeback to win the presidency. The presentation would be in line with the topic for May 16th: Peru: The Fujimori phenomenon and its aftermath.</p>
<p>5/18/2005: Venezuela: Democracy, populism, revolution?</p>	<p>Schroeder, Robert R Willig, Deborah A.</p>	<p>The Chavez government has been embarking on a series of land reforms that, if successful, would benefit Chavez's</p>

	Krishnan, Aparna Bhagirathy	urban poor constituency. These reforms are moving forward under the power of a strong executive branch without, it appears, institutionalizing the process to have the reforms recognized as under future administrations. possible questions include 'What is the likelihood of long term reform success if the process is not institutionalized? Does it appear to guarantee extension of office?'
5/23/2005:El Salvador: The incorporation of the revolutionary left into democratic politics (and then what?)	Sales-Kincannon, Lindsay N Contos, Tom A. Zitrides, Thomas G.	FMLN... have they been able to enact their agenda? Why haven't the FMLN able to win the presidency?
May 25: Colombia: Violence, reform, and the crisis of the traditional parties	Hauskens, Jacob B. Mead, Robin E. Lindquist, William J.	How has government engaged the guerrillas? What has Uribe done differently? What have been his successes and challenges within the political structure?