

HILA 101
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Office Hours: Tu 15:00-16:00h @ CILAS (Center for Iberian and Latin American Studies) and by appointment (via e-mail, chunefeldt@ucsd.edu).

Based on readings of Latin American nineteenth century history, there are four connected topics we want to explore:

1. The formation of national boundaries. How did the geography of the pre-Columbian Empires and the colonial Viceroyalties evolve into nation-states?
2. What was the economic, social, political, cultural, and environmental impact of these processes?
3. What are the longterm outcomes of these historical processes?
4. Where is Latin America positioned vis a vis the rest of the world? How unique (or not) is the Latin American historical experience?

Our Readings:

- Vera M. Kutzinski, Ottmar Ette, Laura Dassow Walls (eds.), *Alexander von Humboldt and the Americas* (2012)
- Ronald M. Schneider, *Latin American Political History* (2007), pp. 1-206
- Julio Ramos, *Divergent Modernities* (2001)
- Juergen Osterhammel, *The Transformation of the World* (2014)

Evaluation:

Mid-Term Exam: 25%

Final Exam: 35%

Research Paper: 40% (topic and additional readings/research materials to be discussed during office hours). Take a region/country and answer the three main questions of this class (see above).

