

***Course: The new geopolitics of Latin American integration:  
From post-hegemonic projects to disintegration***

Visiting Professors Program, Political Science Faculty, UMCS

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### **Course Description**

For Latin American countries - more vulnerable to pressure and limited to political options - economic policy and national development strategies have been closely linked and influenced by the prevailing international order and the interests of the great powers. In this sense, the systems of regional integration cannot be dissociated from the foreign policies of the Latin American States, since they are fundamental in their efforts to achieve development, as well as in their strategies for international insertion. In this sense, this course proposes the following objectives:

- To present a vision of Latin America from trans-structuralism.
- To define the power hierarchy in Latin America and identify categories for the study of the roles of certain States in the region.
- To contextualize Latin America and its systems of regional integration in the current hegemonic interregnum.
- To review critically the regional and subregional integration systems that exist in Latin America.
- To prospect some perspectives and challenges faced by Latin American integration systems in the 20th century.

As stated, this course on Latin American integration systems will be based on a specific approach called trans-structural. It emphasizes, on the one hand, the distribution of power within each bloc and, on the other hand, frames the region in the hegemonic crisis and the imbalance in the international structure that are currently underway. In this way, it seeks to transcend the purely political-economic approaches of the regional integration systems, because when studying them from the perspective set forth here, not only are they critically treated, but they also discover a fundamental instance that would allow the formulation of strategic recommendations for their relaunch and update.

*Schedule (preliminary)*

**Wednesday, May 8, 2019, 9.00 – 12.00 Room 206 (4 lesson hours)**

Lecture 1

**Introduction: overview of Latin American regional integration || Critical review of national power in International Relations**

**Monday, May 13, 2019, 9.00 – 10.30, Room 115 (2 lesson hours)**

Lecture 2

**Hierarchy of power in Latin America**

**Tuesday, May 14, 2019, 9.30 – 11.00, Room 115 (2 lesson hours)**

Lecture 3

**Hegemonic crisis and mismatch of the international structure**

**Thursday, May 16, 2019, 9.00 – 12.45 Room 115 (5 lesson hours)**

Lecture 4

**Regional powers in regional integration: Brazil, Mexico and Argentina || The subregional powers in regional integration: Colombia and Venezuela**

**Tuesday, May 21, 2019, 9.30 – 11.00, Room 115 (2 lesson hours)**

Lecture 5

**Political changes in Latin America in the context of the hegemonic interregnum**

**Monday, May 27, 2019, 13.00 -16.45, Room 115 (5 lesson hours)**

Lecture 6

**Caribbean Community (CARICOM) || Andean Community (CAN) || Common Market of the South (MERCOSUR) || Union of South American Nations (UNASUR)**

**Wednesday, May 29, 2019, 12.00 – 15.45 Room 115 (5 lesson hours)**

Lecture 7

**Bolivarian Alliance for the Peoples of Our America – Peoples' Trade Treaty (ALBA-TCP) || Pacific Alliance || Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC)**

**Thursday, May 30, 2019, 9.00 – 12.45 Room 115 (5 lesson hours)**

Lecture 8

**Latin American regional integration in the 21st century: perspectives and challenges**