Latin American Politics and Hemispheric Relations Training Course

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	Political Science and International Relations	**Duration**	5 Days
Base Fee	$1,500 USD	**Delivery Mode**	Online / On-site Hybrid

Course Introduction

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Course Objectives

1. **Analyze** the historical roots of **political instability** and **democratic transitions** in Latin America.
2. **Evaluate** the role of **geopolitics** and **foreign policy** in shaping inter-American relations.
3. **Assess** the impact of **economic integration** and **trade liberalization** on regional development.
4. **Examine** the rise of **populist movements** and their effects on democratic institutions.
5. **Understand** the dynamics of **civil-military relations** and the legacy of authoritarianism.
6. **Explore** the challenges of **governance** and **corruption** in contemporary Latin America.
7. **Identify** key players and emerging issues in **hemispheric security**, including **organized crime** and drug trafficking.
8. **Analyze** the social and political impact of **indigenous movements** and **environmental policy**.
9. **Evaluate** the influence of global powers, like **China** and **Russia**, on Latin American affairs.
10. **Assess** the evolution of **U.S.-Latin American relations** from the Cold War to the present.
11. **Formulate** strategic approaches to **risk assessment** and **policy analysis** in the region.
12. **Compare** and **contrast** political systems and developmental models across various Latin American countries.
13. **Anticipate** future trends in **regional cooperation** and **political change**.

Organizational Benefits

- Equips staff with a deeper understanding of regional dynamics, improving their ability to anticipate political and economic shifts.
- Provides a knowledge base for making informed decisions regarding investments, market entry, and operational logistics in Latin America.
- Trains personnel to identify and analyze political risks, reducing exposure to instability and policy changes that could affect business operations.
- Fosters a greater appreciation for the cultural and political nuances of the region, enhancing negotiation and collaboration efforts.
- Cultivates in-house expertise, allowing the organization to operate more effectively and strategically than competitors without such specialized knowledge.

Target Audience

1. Government and public sector officials.
2. Diplomats and foreign policy professionals.
3. Business executives and consultants.
4. NGO and international development staff.
5. Journalists and political analysts.
6. Graduate students and academic researchers.
7. Military and intelligence community personnel.
8. Investors and financial sector professionals.

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Module 1: Foundations of Latin American Political Systems

- Historical legacies of colonialism and caudillismo.
- The rise and fall of military dictatorships.
- Understanding presidentialism and institutional design.
- The role of political parties and civil society.
- **Case Study**: The Chilean transition to democracy and its enduring institutional framework.

Module 2: Hemispheric Security and the Inter-American System

- Evolution of inter-American security cooperation.
- The challenges of organized crime, drug trafficking, and transnational gangs.
- Migration and border security dynamics.
- The role of the Organization of American States (OAS) and other regional bodies.
- **Case Study**: The security crisis in Central America and regional response strategies.

Module 3: Economic and Social Development in Latin America

- The politics of neoliberalism and market reforms.
- Addressing inequality, poverty, and social mobility.
- Resource politics and the "resource curse" phenomenon.
- The political economy of trade agreements and supply chains.
- **Case Study**: Venezuela's economic collapse and its political repercussions.

Module 4: Populism and Political Polarization

- Defining populism and its historical manifestations.
- The rise of left- and right-wing populist leaders.
- The impact of populism on democratic institutions and public discourse.
- Media, digital platforms, and the spread of political polarization.
- **Case Study**: Analyzing the rise of Jair Bolsonaro in Brazil and Andr??s Manuel L??pez Obrador in Mexico.

Module 5: U.S.-Latin American Relations

- Historical context: from the Monroe Doctrine to the Cold War.
- Contemporary foreign policy challenges: trade, immigration, and security.
- The influence of U.S. domestic politics on Latin America.
- Analyzing the roles of key U.S. agencies and actors.
- **Case Study**: The shifting dynamics of U.S. policy toward Cuba and its regional implications.

Module 6: External Actors and Global Influence

- The growing presence of China and Russia in the region.
- European Union relations and trade partnerships.
- The geopolitical significance of the Amazon and other environmental issues.
- The role of international financial institutions like the IMF and World Bank.
- **Case Study**: China's strategic investment in infrastructure projects in Peru and Ecuador.

Module 7: The Politics of Identity and Social Change

- The influence of indigenous movements and land rights issues.
- Gender, sexuality, and the politics of social progress.
- The role of religion and evangelical movements in politics.
- The political impact of urbanization and youth movements.
- **Case Study**: The political mobilization of indigenous groups in Bolivia under Evo Morales.

Module 8: Future Challenges and Strategic Outlook

- Assessing the future of democracy in a digital age.
- Climate change and its impact on political stability and resource scarcity.
- The challenge of political corruption and accountability.
- Forecasting emerging geopolitical trends and risks.
- **Case Study**: The political and economic outlook for Argentina and its ongoing fiscal reforms.

Training Methodology

This course employs a **blended learning approach** that combines interactive and practical components. It includes:

- **Expert-Led Lectures**: Delivered by seasoned academics and practitioners.
- **Interactive Workshops and Simulations**: Allowing participants to apply knowledge to real-world scenarios.
- **Case Study Analysis**: Deep dives into specific political events and crises.
- **Group Discussions**: Fostering peer-to-peer learning and diverse perspectives.
- **Guest Speaker Sessions**: Featuring insights from policymakers and leaders.
- **Multimedia Resources**: Incorporating documentaries, data visualizations, and current events analysis.

Register as a group from 3 participants for a Discount

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Certification

Upon successful completion of this training, participants will be issued with a globally- recognized certificate.

Tailor-Made Course

We also offer tailor-made courses based on your needs.

Key Notes

a. The participant must be conversant with English.

b. Upon completion of training the participant will be issued with an Authorized Training Certificate

c. Course duration is flexible and the contents can be modified to fit any number of days.

d. The course fee includes facilitation training materials, 2 coffee breaks, buffet lunch and A Certificate upon successful completion of Training.

e. One-year post-training support Consultation and Coaching provided after the course.

f. Payment should be done at least a week before commence of the training, to Fineskill Training Center account, as indicated in the invoice so as to enable us prepare better for you.

Upcoming Scheduled Sessions

Start Date	End Date	Location	Price
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Online	$1,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$1,500
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$3,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$3,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$4,500
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$6,000

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