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Rom; and *Africana: The Encyclopedia of the African and African American Experience*, Perseus Books (1999). Areas of investigation include: history of international law/rights; human rights; race and ethnicity in Latin America.

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- **Electronic Readings:**
 1. North et al., "Order, Disorder and Economic Change: Latin America v. North America" ([pdf](#))
 2. Rule of law - law and development: M. Garcia-Villegas, "Contexts of Law and Justice in Colombia: With Some Glances at Latin America" ([Word](#))
 3. M. Garcia-Villegas, "Law as Hope: Constitution and Social Change in Latin America," draft ([Word](#))
 4. M. Garcia-Villegas & R. Uprimny, "The Constitutional Court and Social Emancipation in Colombia," draft ([Word](#))
 5. M. Garcia-Villegas, Comp.So.Law., Mar. 03, 2003, draft ([Word](#))
 6. Jeremy Adelman & Miguel A. Centeno, "Between Liberalism and Neoliberalism: Law's Dilemma in Latin America" ([Word](#))

Schedule: MTuW, 3:00-3:50 pm, Rm. 285D Holland Hall

Weeks of September 6, 13, and 20:

Prof. Blanco -- "Judicial Reform in Latin America"

Weeks of September 27, October 4 and 11:

Prof. Obregon -- "Latin American Legal Theory in International Law"

Weeks of November 1, 8, and 16:

Prof. García-Villegas -- "Latin American Legal Theory Focusing on the Sociology of Law"

Special Notes:

- Each 3-week session is taught by the designated visiting faculty, who also administers and grades the exam for that 3-week period.
- For non-law students, i.e., those taking LAS 6938 (a 3-credit course): these students will be required to complete a one-credit supplemental assignment for Prof. Hernández-Truyol. Further information regarding this will be posted soon.