

SOSC 4452 3.0 - State & Civil Society in Latin America.

Take Home Exam

Due Date: February 22, 2007
Weight: 20%
Length: Question 1: 1,500 words; Question 2: 1,000 words
Format: Answers must be typed, double-spaced (font 12)

Questions:

You must answer **both** questions:

Question 1:

Class readings and seminar discussions highlighted the multiple shifts that occurred in Latin America (and outside the region) in the recent past. Identify these transformations to discuss how they reshaped various understandings regarding the nature and role of both state and civil society and to describe the main features of the emerging reconfiguration of the state-civil society relationship.

Question 2:

The World Bank identifies social capital as the “missing link in development” and advocates the idea that high levels of social capital can generate good government and economic development. As a result, it recommends that development interventions should seek to strengthen civil society by enhancing local social participation, organization, and communication. Does this approach offer greater opportunities for civil society organizations to act “agents of social transformation”? Why, or why not?

Instructions:

- ◆ Answers must be analytical rather than descriptive and must be organized around a clear argument (thesis statement) addressing the essay question. The discussion must be framed by the issues and concepts discussed in the course.
- ◆ Answers must use proper academic references and include a bibliography to acknowledge the sources used in preparing the essay. The bibliography should only include the sources cited in the answers. The use of quotations should be kept to a minimum. No outside sources can be used.
- ◆ Please bring the exam to class by the date or deliver it in person to 216 Founders before 4pm and ask the secretary to write the date and time when your exam was submitted. Please do not send exams by email or fax.
- ◆ Exams submitted late will receive a penalty deduction of 10 points per day (no exceptions).