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Suggested Readings for Online Libraries

SOUTH AMERICA – RCLF Region# 17

1. GEOGRAPHY

- **For a complete regional Geographic Survey of the region:**

Blouet, Brian and Olwyn M. Blouet. *Latin America and the Caribbean*. 6th Edition. John Wiley & Sons, 2010.

- **For readings on Energy Policies and Climate Change in the region:**

Refer to several reports produced by the *Environmental Change and Security Program* at the *Woodrow Wilson Center* [Website]. Available at:

<http://www.wilsoncenter.org/program/environmental-change-and-security-program>

Refer to reports and articles published by the think-tank *Inter-American Dialogue* [Website]. Available at:

<http://thediologue.org/energy>

- **For details on infrastructure of cities in Latin America:**

Mega-Cities & Infrastructure in Latin America – What its people think, Inter-American Development Bank (IDB). Available at:

<http://publications.iadb.org/bitstream/handle/11319/6415/MegacitiesSurvey.pdf?sequence=3>

2. HISTORY

- **For complete Historical Overviews on the region:**

E. Bradford Burn, *A History of Brazil*, 3rd edition (Columbia University Press, 1993).

Skidmore, Thomas E., *Brazil: Five Centuries of Change*, 2nd edition (Oxford University

Skidmore, Thomas E. and Smith, Peter H., *Modern Latin America*, 6th Edition (Oxford University Press, 2005).

Theresa A. Meade, *A History of Modern Latin America – 1800 to the Present* (Wiley-Blackwell, 2010).

Department of State Office of the Historian [Website]. Available at:

<https://history.state.gov/>



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3. SOCIETY:

- **For detailed data on Gender in the region:**

United Nations Gender Equality Observatory for Latin America and the Caribbean [Website].

Available at:

<http://www.cepal.org/oig/default.asp?idioma=IN>

- **To understand Race and Ethnicity in the region:**

Wade, Peter. *Race and Ethnicity in Latin America*. 2nd Edition. New York: Pluto Press, 2010.

- **To understand the life and the challenges in the Slums:**

Janice Perlman, *Favela – Four Decades of Living on the Edge in Rio de Janeiro* (New York, NY: Oxford University Press, 2010).

4. ECONOMY (COMMERCE, DEVELOPMENT, EDUCATION)

- **For details on the state of Education in the region:**

UNESCO. *The State of Education in Latin America and the Caribbean: Towards a Quality Education for All – 2015*. Santiago, Chile: United Nations Regional Bureau of Education for Latin America and the Caribbean. Available at:

<http://www.unesco.org/new/fileadmin/MULTIMEDIA/FIELD/Santiago/pdf/state-of-education-in-LAC-towards-2015.pdf>

- **For details on the state of Health in the region:**

See various reports from the World Health Organization (WHO). Available at:

http://www.who.int/management/country/latinamerica_caribbean/en/

5. REGIONAL MILITARIES:

- **For insights on Civil-Military Relations in the region:**

Bruneau, Thomas, “Civil-Military Relations in Latin America: The Hedgehog and the Fox Revisited, *Revista Fuerzas Armadas y Sociedad* 19, No. 1-2. 111-131.

Available at:

www.dtic.mil/cgi-bin/GetTRDoc?AD=ADA485204

- **For analysis on Military and Politics in the region:**

Jaskoski, Maiah, 2013. *Military Politics and Democracy in the Andes*. Baltimore, MD: Johns Hopkins University Press.



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- For details on Irregular Warfare in the region:

Pinheiro, Alvaro. "Irregular Warfare: Brazil's Fight Against Criminal Urban Guerrillas." *JSOU Report* 09-8, September 2009. Available at:
http://jsou.socom.mil/JSOU%20Publications/JSOU09-8pinheiroBrazil_final.pdf

Pinheiro, Alvaro. "Knowing your Partner: The Evolution of Brazilian Special Operation Forces." *JSOU Report* 12-7, August 2012.
Available at:
<http://jsou.socom.mil/JSOU%20Publications/12-7%20Brazilian%20SOF.pdf>

Moyar, Mark, Hector Pagan, and Wil R. Griego. "Persistent Engagement in Colombia." *JSOU Report* 14-3, July 2014.

6. REGIONAL SECURITY

- For an overview of U.S. Security Concerns in the region:

Posture Statement of General John F. Kelly, USMC Commander, USSOUTHCOM Commander before the 113th Congress, *House Armed Services Committee*. February 26, 2014.
Available at:
http://www.southcom.mil/newsroom/Documents/2014_SOUTHCOM_Posture_Statement_HASC_FINAL_PDF.pdf

Stavridis, James, *Partnership for the Americas – Western Hemisphere Strategy and U.S. Southern Command* (Washington, D.C.: National Defense University Press, 2010).
Available at:
<http://ndupress.ndu.edu/Portals/68/Documents/Books/stavridis.pdf>

- For details on remaining Security issues in Colombia:

Meacham, Carl, Douglas Farah, and Robert D. Lamb. *Colombia - Peace and Stability in the Post-Conflict Era* (Washington, D.C.: CSIS/Rowman & Littlefield, March 11, 2014).
Available at:
http://csis.org/files/publication/140304_Meacham_Colombia_Web.pdf

7. REGIONAL SECURITY COOPERATION

- For an analysis of Police Reform in the region:

Johnson, Stephen, Johanna M. Forman and Katherine Bliss. *Police Reform in Latin America - A Report of the CSIS Americas Program*. Washington, DC: Center for Strategic and International Studies, February 2012. Available at:
<http://csis.org/publication/police-reform-latin-america>



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8. ORGANIZED CRIME and ILLICIT DRUG TRAFFICKING:

- **For articles on illicit trafficking of drugs, arms, and persons; terrorism; special operations; regional cooperation; humanitarian assistance; human rights; gangs; and other topics related to regional and international security.**

Refer to *DIÁLOGO*, a professional military magazine published by the *U.S. Southern Command* for more than twenty years. It is published quarterly to address the current issues most important to the armed forces and other security professionals. Available at:

http://dialogo-americas.com/en_GB

- **For information on current Criminal Groups in the region:**

Access the *Country Profile* page of the Criminal Database of the Americas, at *Insightcrime* which provide updates on these groups in a select number of countries in the region, explains how they came to be and what kind of threats they pose. Available at:

<http://www.insightcrime.org/mexico-organized-crime-news>

Bagley, Bruce. "Drug Trafficking and Organized Crime in the Americas: Major Trends in the Twenty-First Century," *Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars*. August 2012). Available at:

<http://www.wilsoncenter.org/sites/default/files/BB%20Final.pdf>

Chalk, Peter. *The Latin American Drug Trade: Scope, Dimensions, Impact, and Response*. Santa Monica, CA: RAND Corporation, 2011. Available at:

<http://www.rand.org/pubs/monographs/MG1076.html>

This monograph is based on research conducted during 2009-2010 as part of a study, "U.S. Security Roles in Latin America," that identified and analyzed the major security trends in Latin America and the implications of regional developments for the stability of friendly states and broader U.S. interests. Transnational crime remains a particularly serious problem in Latin America, with most issues connected in some way to the drug trade. This book examines the scope and dimensions of Andean cocaine and heroin production and trade, including drug sources, consumption patterns, drug trafficking routes, drug related crime, etc.

Defort, Magdalena. "Capo-Militaries: An Illicit Modus Operandi of Armed Forces and Intelligence Services in Peru, Mexico, and Venezuela." *Small Wars Journal*. February 18, 2013. Available at:

<http://smallwarsjournal.com/jrnl/art/capo-militaries-an-illicit-modus-operandi-of-armed-forces-and-intelligence-services-in-peru>

This article provides an analysis of a paradox: the institutions in charge of providing security, including the armed forces and intelligence services, are the source of the most dangerous criminal organizations threatening state security. Capo-militaries, by their diverse portfolio of activities, such as the use of sophisticated weapons, logistics, and tactics, have



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become threats to national and international security. The origins of their modus operandi are from both the inside and outside of governmental structures. On one hand, military personnel desert the armed forces to organize their own illicit criminal networks. On the other hand, military criminals operate inside governmental structures as well as in the underworld through illicit networks.

Ellis, Evan. "Drugs, Gangs, Transnational Organized Crime, and 'Malgoverned Spaces' in the Americas." *Air & Space Power Journal*. March 2015. Available at:
http://www.airpower.maxwell.af.mil/apjinternational/apj-s/2015/2015-3/2015_3_04_ellis_s_eng.pdf

Garzón, Juan Carlos, Marianna Pacheco Olinger, Daniel Rico, and Gema Santamaría. *The Criminal Diaspora: The Spread of Transnational Organized Crime and How to Contain its Expansion*. Washington, DC: Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, 2013.

Available at:

<http://www.wilsoncenter.org/publication/CriminalDiaspora>

The report provides an examination of the multiple factors leading to the international expansion and diffusion of organized crime networks, primarily in Latin America. Government efforts to dismantle or displace criminal groups have helped push them beyond national borders, while new markets and rising demand for illicit products have led criminal groups to expand their networks.

- For details on the Drug Legalization debate in the region:

Refer to a series of reports on this debate on *Insight Crime*. Available at:
<http://www.insightcrime.org/investigations/gorilla-in-the-room>

Hakim, Peter, Juan Carlos Hidalgo and Vanda Felbab-Brown. "How Will the OAS Report Affect the Drug-Policy Debate?" *Latin America Advisor*, May 31, 2013. Available at:

<http://www.thedialogue.org/page.cfm?pageID=32&pubID=3317>

This report is a response to concerns expressed by Latin American leaders at the April 2012 Summit of the Americas that the region had failed to curb drug-related problems. Much of the response to the report has focused on its suggestion that countries consider decriminalizing or legalizing marijuana, but the report also highlights the importance of a public-health approach to drugs and recognition of differences in drug problems among countries.

OAS, *Scenarios for the Drug Problem in the Americas, 2013-2025*. Washington, DC: Organization of the American States, 2013. Available at:

http://www.oas.org/documents/eng/press/Scenarios_Report.PDF

This report provides possible future scenarios for the drug problem in the Americas over the coming years. It takes the current trends as a starting point and incorporates in the scenarios relevant political, economic, social, cultural, and international dynamics. The scenarios are constructed by a team of outstanding individuals from security, business, health, education, indigenous cultures, international organizations, the justice system, civil society, and politics,



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including former and current government officials from across the Americas. They created four scenarios based on their own diverse experiences and understandings. The report includes a set of interviews of 75 leaders from across the Hemisphere, including current and former Heads of Government.

Pachico, Elyssa, David Gagne, and Kyra Gurney. "U.S. Marijuana Reform: Impact in Latin America?" *Insight Crime*. November 7, 2014. Available at:
<http://www.insightcrime.org/news-analysis/marijuana-reform-us-impact-latin-america-stand>

9. GEOPOLITICAL ISSUES:

- For an understanding the region's Strategic Relevance for the United States:

Ellis, Evan, "Strategic Insights: The Strategic Relevance of Latin America for the United States." *Strategic Studies Institute*. December 2014. Available at:
<http://www.strategicstudiesinstitute.army.mil/index.cfm/articles/The-Strategic-Relevance-of-Latin-America/2014/12/08>

Ellis, Evan. "Strengthening America's Adversaries." *The Cipher Brief*. September 30, 2015. Available at:
<https://www.thecipherbrief.com/article/strengthening-americas-adversaries>

- For an understanding of Russia's involvement in the region:

Ellis, Evan. "The New Russian Engagement with Latin America: Strategic Position, Commerce, and Dreams of the Past." *U.S. Army War College*. June 2015. Available at:
<http://www.strategicstudiesinstitute.army.mil/pdf/files/PUB1275.pdf>

- For an understanding China's involvement in the region:

Latin America, the Caribbean and China: Sub-regional Strategic Scenarios. Edited by Adrián Bonilla Soria and Paz Milet García. San José, Costa Rica: Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales – FLACSO and Banco de Desarrollo de América Latina – CAF, July 2015. Available at:
<http://www.flacso.org/secretaria-general/latin-america-caribbean-and-china-sub-regional-strategic-scenarios>

Ellis, Evan. "The Strategic Dimension of Chinese Engagement with Latin America." *Perry Paper Series*, No.1, 2013. Available at:
<http://chds.dodlive.mil/files/2013/12/pub-PP-ellis.pdf>

Ellis, Evan. "China-Latin America Military Engagement: Good Will, Good Business, and Strategic Position." *Strategic Studies Institute*, August 25, 2011. Available at:



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<http://www.strategicstudiesinstitute.army.mil/pubs/display.cfm?pubID=1077>

10. U.S. POLICY IN THE REGION:

- For U.S. Regional Policy overviews:

Refer to the Military Education Research Library Network (MERLN) – here you will access the *Congressional Research Service, White House, Department of Defense, Department of State*, and other sources of research and analysis. Available at:

<http://ndu.libguides.com/ARA>

U.S. Department of State Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs [Website]:

<http://www.state.gov/p/wha/index.htm>