

Last, last update? Dec 13th hit refresh! [FCRH Calendar](#) Dec 6th Cal Fall 2018 [Syllabus](#). Office hours listed on www.darrylmcleod.com and many other times please always email to confirm mcleod@fordham.edu My office phone is 718-817-0063 or leave a message at 817-4048. Please feel free to call my mobile phone at 914 661-6998 from any fixed line phone number (e.g the Economics office in E503) Most readings should linked to pdfs, here or on the [class syllabus](#). Readings access or nonworking **url? Please send me an email**. A&L, 2017 is our [MIT Press te xt...](#) [Twitter feed](#) has some relevant readings **WEBEX w/o video** office hours anytime with screen sharing <https://fordham.webex.com/join/mcleod> [Laptops?](#) <http://www.gdsnet.org/>

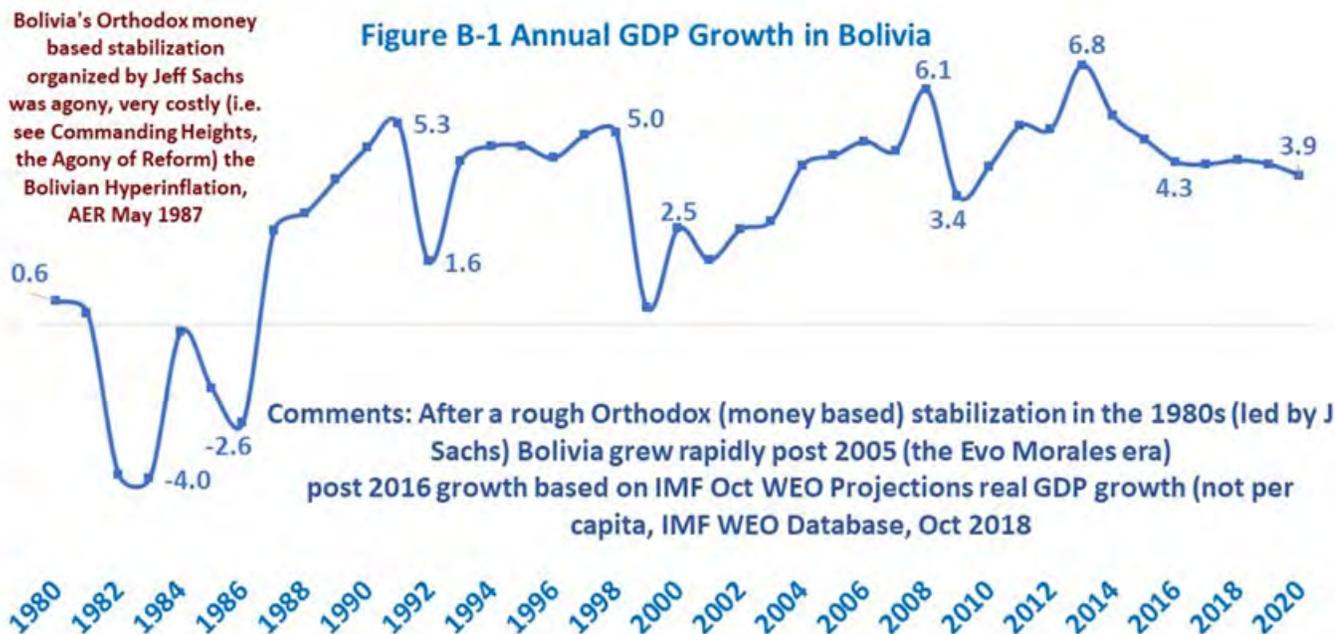
December 2018						
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Final Exam Session: 2-3 presentations then final review session focusing mainly on this final review sheet (check for updates). The final exam is a substitute for a presentation, however attendance at presentations is not optional, since the final exam will draw on the Economics ideas of each presentation, see the [final exam review sheet](#) (not finalized until after all presentations..)

December 13th Presentations on Nicaragua and Panama but perhaps not Bolivia or Ecuador? Thanks to Mark and Thomas for wonderful Puerto Rico and Brazil presentations...

LatAm News: Dec 12th some slim ray of hope for Venezuela? [Washington Post](#) “After years of crisis, Venezuela’s Maduro might finally be ready to accept some help” New higher [estimate of Maria’s damage](#), is [solar power part of the solution...](#)? Roma [reviews & backstory...](#)

Case study reminder: Please use only macro data sources from the IMF WEO October 2018, including projects to 2019 (2022?) almost all data you need is here in this spreadsheet for all [LatAm low and middle income countries](#) (or just go to the WEO web page and download all the data for your country, as [we did for Puerto Rico](#) Figure B-1 is relevant to the end of hyper-inflation in Bolivia, recall in commanding heights Jeff Sachs flies to Bolivia to advising the Bolivian government on how to end hyperinflation, which they did but at great cost. Both Bolivia and Ecuador have large informal economies who appreciate dollarization even though President Rafael Correa (PhD in Economics, University of Illinois) had reservations. Indigenous groups pay the inflation tax which dollarization largely outlaws (they are/were an important part of Correa’s political base).¹



¹ For more on tensions between the U.S. and Ecuador, see Beittel, June S. Ecuador: Political and Economic Conditions and US Relations. Washington, DC: [Congressional Research Service](#), 2013.

ECON 3235 Case Study Points	
1st meeting to discuss topic	10
Dec 7th Proj Summary	20
1st Draft	15
1st Revisions	25
Presentation in class/Webex	15
References	25
Final Revisions	40
total points	150

Orthodox vs. Money based Stabilizations in Bolivia and Uruguay, Table 3, when inflation slows money becomes more valuable, as with a tax cut, if people expect inflation to fall, due to the Tablita for example they will spend more money [lessons of the DC* baby sitters' coop](#) (Krugman, 1998 Slate magazine but widely cited) but Speaking of Washington DC (a territory like Puerto Rico) What does DC have that Puerto Rico needs (hint the 2nd new Amazon headquarters). Will Amazon's tax breaks help New Yorkers in the long run? Which New Yorkers? If not tax breaks, what attracts tech firms like Amazon to cities like NYC and DC? (see the Geography of Jobs by Enrico Moretti,

presentation here).

Presentation points breakdown: Meeting to discuss topic (10 points) December 7th Project Summary (20 points) 1st draft presentation (15 points) Revisions to include references (one from course, one with google citations (25 points) In class presentation (10 points) Final revisions (40 points)

New Economics ideas/results in presentations so far: Colombia, Rosalyn: Aid bonds condition on evidence of intended outcomes; Puerto Rico (Mark) impact of tax breaks on manufacturing employment (long term) Brazil (Thomas) FDI and Global Value chains in Brazil see Harvard Business School Professor Laura Alfaro, who we saw speak at a UBS conference and read her 2017 [paper Foreign Direct Investment](#), Finance, and Economic Development, forthcoming as a chapter Encyclopedia of International Economics and Global Trade, see her conclusions on Page 22 *“When technological progress and collapsing trade barriers precipitated the fragmentation of production processes and emergence of global value chains, MNCs assumed a key role in global production, investment, and trade in final and intermediate goods. Developing economies are accounting for a growing share of corresponding increases in global levels of foreign direct investment (FDI), posing both opportunities and challenges to host countries and the global economy as a whole”* Nicaragua (Olivia): TPS as a form of disaster or conflict relief, creating more resilient HHs in Latin America, see Andersen et al. 2015, on Mexico, Bolivia and Peru, especially HHs headed by women (as in Force Majeure and Roma...Alfonso's mother to Clea, “we're alone, were always alone...” and “so far” post Carazoa...). Panama, SEZs [City of Knowledge](#), immigrants and native wages, technical change, FDI?

Meet Right-wing [Uribe protégé Iván Duque Colombia](#) President of Colombia who looks like Alfonso Cauron (a little, why perhaps?) [Cocaine staging comeback?](#) [Happiness & Migration speaking](#) of which, having walked from Tijuana, Mex from Tegucigalpa, HND Sarahi Castillo never expected to find _____? (hint: what is she holding in the picture... sitting next to *Pueblo Sin Frontera* volunteer Israel Lopez...



[WSJ Fleeing Poverty and Violence Central American Women Photographs by Erin Siegal McIntyre in Tijuana, Mexico, and Nadia Shira Cohen in Jalisco, Mexico; Photographs and video by Nadège Mazars in Chiapas, Mexico December 1-3rd](#)
 LatAm News: [AMLO inaugurated Mexican President. left authoritarian program...](#)
Manuel Orozco: why the Caravans of Honduran asylum seekers (required for final exam...)?

Sample Infographics: [Trade Infographic](#) [Indigenous Peoples](#) [Gender & Policy drivers of Poverty Reduction](#) [McKinsey 13 Growth Drivers](#)

November 29th: In class Everyone should be prepared to spend 5-10 minutes showing their first five slides (or whatever you have). This presentation will count 25 points (like a quiz). Email me your slides or notes so far ([Colombia looks great good](#), thank you Rosalyn use this pptx template if you want to). ***If you have not finished your first 6 slides (5 references) we can look at your infographic. If your [portrait infographic](#) or [Landscape infographic](#) is not done, please meet me in my office from 1:00pm to 3:30 and we will prepare a short presentation together.*** If you are not on campus we can do this via Webex, is working now <https://fordham.webex.com/join/mcleod> [The Argentine Peso: not again?](#)

****Special event (25 points EC):** If you would like to attend the 7:35pm showing of Roma at the please let me know ***before noon today*** (three of us confirmed, for tickets to movie and ram van, you can change your mind and cancel up to say 6pm) after the film we will have a brief discussion after the film ends at (9:30 in the Landmark at W 57th Café, see my email, who built this theater for us? Can any New Yorkers afford to live in this building? (lets check this). Who financed this building? (hint: EB-5 visas, dark money and the Kushner family, our new Attorney General? There will be another opportunity to see Roma as a group (and there will be final exam questions related to the “Hawks” and the [ECLAC Indigenous peoples Infographic](#). Which Latin American country has the largest population of Indigenous peoples?

News relevant to LatAm [Venezuela reports Official Inflation rate for 2017](#) (why is this an a good sign?) A nice Infographic* for Japan from the IMF (forget the pyramids!!) Japan’s population fell by one million from 2012-17 why is this problem for Japan but not Puerto Rico or Ireland? What two LatAm economies are losing population (check your country, use the IMF WEO data for your country . Slowing population growth creates a demographic bonus, but falling population is typically drag on growth and innovation, why? Brazil steward of the Amazon rainforest has been a leader in global climate initiatives, though Bolsanaro has not pulled out of Paris Accord (as our administration did). [Old Tricks on Latin](#) America revisited: Bolton and Trump ridicule remaining socialist regimes heading into G-20 summit in Buenos Aires next week (a week from today...)

***Why an infographic?** You can paste large diagrams into a word file (saved as pdf) with a paragraph below explaining why this figure is important (this infographic can be linked to you power point, so you have larger graphics and written explanation. Note the IMF has five “charts” or figures, each with a graphic and a data source. This is a [sample portrait Infographic](#) and here is a sample [Landscape Infograph](#), either is fine and can be linked to your presentation or posted separately... [peer and affinity group Figures](#), real exchange rate Figures... [Leqin’s dissertation](#) [LatAm Poverty rates v3](#)

Presentation Templates (so far) [Colombia](#) [Chile](#) [Puerto Rico](#) [PRI pptx](#) <http://www.gdsnet.org/>

HW #9 due on BB Thursday Nov 29th:** 9A) Using [the spreadsheet](#) which I also emailed to shows the minimum and maximum of each poverty and middle-class shared. Which country has the highest poverty rates (what year). How is this reflected in today’s Washington Post (photos? Why separate vulnerable from middle class groups, why does entering the middle-class matter? 9B) As of the last year available, what is the largest group in your country (poor, middle class or Vulnerable)? Compare these shares Latin America as a whole. 9C) Using the interactive figure shown below, quickly cut and paste the infographic Figures for your country for the three poverty rates into a word or Excel file. Add text to explain the gender contribution, the contribution of transfers and pensions and the demographic bonus (a falling dependency ratio). Why is the dependency ratio falling in most LatAm countries but rising in the United States? Rising dependency ratios slow growth how can we fix this problem (hint: Germany, Russia and Japan). (9D) *The NY Times just ran a series on how China is emerging as the dominant world economy. What is/was its secret (why is GM closing plants here, but not in China?)*

HW #10 due on BB Saturday 10A) Check that the WEO Peers share of U.S. income Figure for your country is correct (knowing that U.S. per capita GDP was about \$57,000 in 2017 (check this using the WEO Oct 2108 database, be sure to use the comparable \$US purchasing power parity or 2011PP series for GDP per capita (if you are not sure, send me the description by email). 9B) Quickly cut and paste the infographic Figure for your country into a word or Excel file. I will post a short video showing you how to add the large letter labels (why is this important?) 10D) What is the poverty rate \$/day in the United states (2017, or another year). **What share of your country’s population make less than this amount? What is the average income in your country?*

Brazil vs Mexico Left v. right populist: [LatAm Family Feud](#) LA Times: Mexico legalize Marijuana? [Stop the Violence](#)

In person Case Study meetings: Tuesday November 20th (Nov 21st if you insist) Tuesday Nov. 27th first 6 slides due: 1. Title slide 2. key points 3. peer group starting year 4. DB Comparators & rank, 5. Affinity group (e.g. [CAFTA-DR](#)) 6. Political Economy: left, right or center populist? or not references due Friday. **if you miss these deadlines, you may not be able to present to the class which matters a lot for you and us as a class...* **Sample topics:** Puerto Rico coping turning disaster to advantage? Case study resources: [Gender Data \(CRI\)](#) [Costa Rica Trade facts](#) [Intentional Homicides WB Chile Dana Fall 2017](#)

Final exam date: Thursday, Dec 13, 1:30 pm Case Study Presentations December 6th & 10th (do we need a signup sheet or EC for presenting early?) New [WBI VC guidelines](#), customized to our course **d**

[Graduation from...](#) [Maria Davalos](#) [TPS and remittances](#) [TorreArnsonLatAmPopulism.pdf](#) [Chile 2017](#)

November 12th [Assignment 6 for case study posted on BB](#), here is [Nicholas' Cuba pptx template](#), [Honduras \(Pauline\)](#)

Lecture: [Populism & hyper-globalization](#) [Bolivia 2006 Nationalization](#) [Bolivia ABC's \(spanish\)](#) [PIIE paper 2013](#)

Case study related: [A&L Chapt 6 Political Economy](#) [CEPAL 2018 Economics Survey of Latin American](#) [Press release](#)

[Getting started, templates, peer diagrams 2000 HW#6](#) [Peers over the years](#) [Dani Rodrik at Watson Institute](#)

November 5th Presentation [GTM case study by EAMA student Nicolas Nicolía Fall 2017](#) [Northern Triangle Misery DR and Climate Case Study Alfonsina Diaz](#) [Alienation breeds creativity breeds community](#)

[Some good news from Brazil](#) (hint see Figure 3.8 below) [How is the Argentine Peso doing?](#)

Gender and Economic Growth [IMF Pursuing Women's Economic Empowerment](#) [UNDP Gender Inequality Index A "Stalled Revolution" for Latin American Women](#)

[Spreadsheets for Early peers](#) [WB_LAC_MiddleClassPoverty.xlsx](#)

<http://www.worldbank.org/en/topic/poverty/lac-equity-lab1/shared-prosperity>

<http://www.worldbank.org/en/topic/poverty/lac-equity-lab1/poverty>

<http://www.worldbank.org/en/topic/poverty/lac-equity-lab1/gender>

<http://www.worldbank.org/en/topic/poverty/lac-equity-lab1/economic-growth>

<http://www.worldbank.org/en/topic/poverty/lac-equity-lab1/economic-growth/growth-incidence-curve>

See also [Calendar Part II archive and review questions...](#)

ICQ4.3 Happiness: Costa Rica always ranks high in Happiness, but is it the happiest country in Latin America or in the Americas? See the [WEF 2018 summary of the World Happiness Report](#) (WHR) Briefly why are Costa Ricans happier than we are? (we have the highest GDP/ income per capita but are only the 18th happiest). Evidently money can't buy happiness but it can buy lots of anti-depressants (legal and illegal). What countries have the highest number of people per 1000 taking anti-depressants (see the [WEF summary of the WHR](#)). What do economists argue is part of the answer to this drug related violence (hint: Canada, Uruguay, CA and CO)? Why is this important to countries in the Americas who export or import anti-depressants? Why does legalization reduce violent crime? (How do New Yorkers know this?). Legal drugs can also be a problem: where do most of the Opioid overdoses occur in the U.S. How do these regions vote? What makes them depressed? *Are caravans of immigrants a solution or a cause of this problem? Are Northern Triangle residents happy? How do we know?* What three interrelated diseases is WHR editor Jeffrey Sachs cite as particularly serious in the U.S.?

ICQ5.1 [How did Brazil's middle class do during this 2003-2016 period?](#) Create a Table similar to Table LAC-1 for your country (this will be due separately on [Various Brazil Election updates here as well as Professor Fuentes Updated race and social mobility...](#))

ICQ6.1: Who invented & tested microfinance, Bangladesh or Brazil? See Ricardo Hausmann's review of Mohammed Yunus's book in [Finance and Development](#). Do you agree with Professor RH, or the Nobel prize winning economist Yunus (did MH win the Nobel prize in Economics?). Obviously Southeast Asia (BGD) microfinance is very different from the Latin American Accion model, explain. Which would you rather work for? How [do KIVA](#) and [Whole Planet](#) fit into this picture? Do they make loans in your country? Again, careful, who is really making loans in your country? Whole Foods and KIVA provide low cost financing to MFIs all over the world, who benefits from this low cost financing? *Where did the money to found and run KIVA and Whole Foods come from (hint: Elon Musk and the Puertotopians)*

Migration and Development in the Northern Triangle [CEPAL Surveys](#) [IMF Regional Outlook](#)

Migration and Microfinance Latin America vs. Asia [Compartamos](#) [PBS Now](#) [NOW with Maria Hinojosa Part2](#) [US Aid Coping with community violence](#) [Puerto-Crypto-Utopians? No says Nouried Roubini; a s IMF's Christine Lagarde calls for regulation..](#) [New York State contributes more than it receives...what about Puerto Rico?](#)) *Quiz 1 review material: [What determines the RER in the Market for dollars diagram](#)*

Paul Romer, on [Urban Expansion in Colombia](#) Value Chains: [Deconstructing the iPhone XS, Piece by Piece](#)

See Sharmila Devadas & Norman Loayza [When current account imbalances matter](#) Oct 2018 WB-MYS Handout: [Sample questions from online quiz answers and review sheet from 2017](#)

[Updated Brazil lecture notes on Race and Mobility](#)

Violence in Latin America: *What did Mexico just do in Acapulco, a gift for AMLO what does AMLO want to do about* [WP Opinion LatAm's murder rate is skyrocketing. The U.S. should help](#)

Getting to know the real exchange rate (Starbucks version) [WSJ 2017 Tall Latte RER](#)
[Fiscal Rules: Easy to love, Hard to Cheat](#)

News/Lecture notes Sept 17th: [Will AMLO undo Education Reform in Mex?](#) (wild) [Brazil Election update Carlos Slim and me](#) [Good ideas, missing theory...](#)

Notes/news/readings for Sept 14th: [Stay out of Venezuela](#) [Christine Lagarde Ten years after Lehman II?](#) [AS/COA Brazil Poll Tracker](#) [Edwards 2009 Chapter 7 The Mother of all Crises](#) will fix page 1 soon...

Country Case Study resources (*many of these Figures & pictures roll off the calendar*) [2017 GTM case study](#)
[Interactive poverty & middle class diagram for case study](#) [WB human Capital Index](#) [Report](#)

Sources of Poverty, Middle class or Vulnerable Data Finding Peer and [Comparator](#) Countries [LatAm peers](#)
Chose a year and then a peer group...

Hausmann, R., Rodrik, D., & Velasco, A. (2008). [Growth diagnostics. The Washington consensus reconsidered: Towards a new global governance](#), 324-355. Making use of [online interactive diagrams](#) [Fall 2017 Case Study Resources](#)

[Tesla in Paradise](#) **Dark matter revenge: Dollar's strength a drag on multinational corporations** (much of their revenues overseas [via @WSJ](#)) [Investopedia](#) notes on the balance of payments vs. the balance of trade ([3 minute video](#)) **Notes for September 10th:** [Geography Growth & Climate change Lecture notes](#)
How will knife attack on Jair Bolsonaro affect Brazilian Election? ([Aljazeera](#) 9-7-18) [Nafta 10 years After HW#2 Posted due September 14th](#) please review before class. NY Times [A Crypto Utopia in Puerto](#)
September 11th Commanding Heights Introduction: [BBC: World Trade Center](#) Station back 17 years after, [Pacific Alliance: heir to NAFTA](#) and TPP but with China? Signals from SLV and DOM: they cut ties with Taiwan? Why? Is the U.S. pleased? [NY City's Debt Crisis 1975-77](#) WSJ [Lehman Political & Personal](#)
Notes for September 6th Lecture (Chile was bumped by Argentina, as it enters a severe currency/debt crisis. [Chile Case Study F2017](#) [Basta YA!](#) [Where is ex Chilean President Bachelet now?](#) **FEMA overwhelmed**
[Doing Business in Puerto Rico, Comparator Economies](#)

Table S-4 Sorted by Change 2000-2019

Change in income as a % of U.S. income \$2011 PPP	2000-2018	2010-2018	2015-2018	2017-2019	2000-2019
Ireland	38	36	10.2	3.1	39
Taiwan Prov China	25	5.0	1.7	0.6	25
China	21	9.9	3.6	2.1	22
Korea	21	4.8	1.9	0.3	21
Panama	19	10.5	2.3	1.8	20
Malaysia	14	7.3	2.9	1.2	15
Dominican Rep	11	5.8	2.7	1.5	12
Thailand	10	3.4	1.9	1.2	11
Chile	10	2.3	-0.4	0.5	11
Uruguay	9.7	2.9	0.3	0.1	10
Peru	8.6	2.8	0.6	0.4	8.8
Indonesia	8.2	3.7	1.3	0.7	8.6
India	6.9	3.3	1.4	0.9	7.4
Vietnam	6.3	2.9	1.3	0.8	6.7
Colombia	5.9	2.0	-0.3	0.0	6.0
Costa Rica	5.9	2.0	0.7	0.0	6.0
Philippines	4.9	2.8	1.3	0.7	5.3
Cambodia	3.9	1.8	0.7	0.4	4.2
Paraguay	3.9	1.9	0.9	0.3	4.1
Bangladesh	3.6	2.0	0.9	0.6	3.9
Bolivia	3.0	1.8	0.4	0.1	3.1
Ecuador	2.5	-0.1	-1.3	-1.0	2.0
Honduras	1.7	0.5	0.3	0.0	1.7
Nicaragua	1.5	0.9	-0.2	-1.1	1.2
Latvia	1.5	0.9	-0.2	-1.1	1.2
El Salvador	1.0	0.7	0.2	0.0	1.0
Brazil	0.6	-3.8	-2.1	-0.4	0.5
Guatemala	0.2	-0.1	-0.3	-0.3	0.1
Haiti	-0.8	0.0	-0.1	-0.1	-0.8
Argentina	0.1	-5.3	-3.3	-3.5	-1.4
Mexico	-1.6	0.4	-0.2	-0.4	-1.7
Puerto Rico	-4.3	-5.1	-2.9	-2.9	-5.0
Greece	-9.6	-13	-0.1	0.4	-9.2
Venezuela	-14	-17	-12	-3.9	-15

Source IMF WEO Oct 2018 data base, \$2011 PPP GDP per capita, <https://www.imf.org/external/pubs/ft/weo/2018/02/weodata/index.aspx>

Source <http://www.gdsnet.org/LatAmDataOct2018PeerYears2C.xlsx>

Pelosi and Dissident Democrats Reach Deal to Limit Her Speakership to 4 Years



Born in Somalia, Ilyn Omar came to the U.S. from a refugee camp in originally to Virginia and later to Minneapolis Minn where she was elected first to the city council and most recently to the U.S. House of Representatives

December 13th [Review of Roma and interviews with Cuarón and Cast including](#) the actress who plays his mother Sofia,