

Latin American History and Culture

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The different images U.S. policymakers have of Latin American societies, people and culture do make a difference on U.S. policymaking toward the region. This course offers an analytical survey of Latin American history and culture aimed at debunking some of those images. After successful completion of this course, you should have a strong sense about how to approach any current political, economic or cultural development in Latin America in historical perspective. You will have a good notion of where Latin America has been—politically, economically and culturally—and where it is going. This course historical perspective extends from the 1930s to the present, with special attention to the historical background of current events and conflicts. The ultimate goal is not only to begin to understand what Latin Americans think about when thinking about politics, economics and culture. But also, and most importantly, to understand where Latin Americans think *from* when thinking and acting in those same realms and in relations with the United States. We will also pay particular attention to the political, economic and cultural developments of Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Mexico, Panama, Peru, Puerto Rico and Venezuela.

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