This course discusses how people from different social classes, ethnicities, gender, cultural backgrounds and origins faced the process of Independence and the reconstruction of their nations and lives in Latin America during the 19th century. In each week of the quarter we will address some aspects of life in Latin America, from independence movements, political ideas and ideologies, revolutions and rebellions to daily life, forms of work, culture and customs - through weekly reading assignments, seminars, lectures and in-class discussions.

**Week 1 – Americas and the Atlantic World and the end of Spanish Colonialism: Revolution, Liberalism and Independence.**

**Week 2 – Slave life, Revolutions and Rebellions**

**Week 3 – Transitioning into nation-states**

**Week 4 – Indians, States and Rural Societies**

**Week 5 – Work and Strategies of Resistance**

**Week 6 – Diseases, Epidemics and Race**

**Week 7 – Artisans, Development and Urban Poor**

**Week 8 – Classes, Races and Ideologies**

**Week 9 – Latin America’s women in the nineteenth century**

**Week 10 – Historiography and comparative questions**
   - Check for review articles in the Latin American Research Review

**Evaluation:**

- Critical summaries of weekly readings (two pages). Up to five students may work together to produce one week’s reading summaries. Clearly note the names of group participants. 50% of final grade.
- Final Essay Exam. For this exam you may use your personal reading notes, but NOT the summaries or your notes from the lectures. 50% of final grade.
- Seminars. Each week one or 2 groups could do an oral presentation (up to 15 minutes), having extra grading for that.