



This course will examine a spectrum of economic, political and cultural issues facing Latin America today. It is designed to allow students to become familiar with the historical roots of these issues and the arguments that surround them, and to debate and ultimately construct their own arguments about them. We will read articles from disparate sources and from a variety of perspectives with the objective of moving beyond the oversimplifications presented in mainstream media. We will consider such topics as globalization, immigration, the international drug trade, and the rise of the new left (including men like Hugo Chávez and Evo Morales). Assignments will include reading analyses, films, and class discussions.