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LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN THROUGH ETHNOGRAPHY

Course Description:

As a diverse and complex population, Latin American peoples demonstrate large differences in ethnicity, language, practices, religion, as well as a social and political organization. Nonetheless, they still face some commonalities such as colonialism, language (in most cases), and forms of racialization. Moreover, Latin Americans have been impacted by various ideologies such as liberalism, modernization, and neoliberalism. The course will approach Latin America through the lens of Anthropological accounts by focusing primarily on the ways in which anthropologists have perceived and represented the region and its peoples along with their practices. The topics will include colonialism, processes of state-formation, political-economy, gender and sexuality, racism and racialization, food, health, death, urban and rural ethnography, social movements, migration, diaspora, mass media, popular culture, and everyday life.