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This course takes in the sweep of change in Latin America from 1800 to the present. We will pay attention to politics and economy, but our emphasis will be on the social and cultural forces that shape everyday life and on the way people make sense of their lives. One way we can get at these issues will be to investigate how social movements and revolutions react to, reflect, and in many cases drive changes in race, class, gender, sex, and the family. We will get at these issues through close readings of primary sources: memoirs, speeches, and journalistic accounts by individuals as accounts of their lives and the events around them. Along with these readings we will watch an abundance of film. The general thematic approach of the course will draw specific examples from Mexico, Argentina, Brazil, Cuba, and other countries. Assignments include, but are not limited to, short papers over two books, plus in-class mid-term and final exams.