



UNIVERSITÀ DEGLI STUDI DI TORINO

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TIC05_DIP_CPS

Visiting Professor Program Academic year 2021/2022

DEPARTMENT OF CULTURES, POLITICS AND SOCIETY

TEACHING COMMITMENT: 20 hours

COURSE TITLE

Latin American History

TEACHING PERIOD

1st term

SCIENTIFIC AREA

History and Institutions of Americas

LANGUAGE USED TO TEACH

English

The Degree Course is entirely taught in English

COURSE SUMMARY

As the rest of the Americas, the vast social, cultural, and biological diversity that Latin America society still embodies today had its origins in its long and complex colonial history. This course is designed as an introduction to some of the main themes of colonial Latin American history. We will start our journey in Europe, Africa, and the Americas before Columbus' arrival in the Caribbean. We will then follow both the imperial forces that shaped the colonial experience as well as the effect that individuals and groups of Europeans, Africans, and Native Americans had in the society and territory as a whole. We will end in the Age of Revolutions with the impact that the Haitian Revolution, the Independence movement in Latin America, and with an assessment of the legacies of the colonial period in the region today.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

By the end of this course students will:

- 1) Be able to identify several key turning points in colonial Latin American history;
- 2) Understand the basic organizing principles of Mesoamerican, Andean, Hispanic, and mestizo culture, including religion and spiritual beliefs, social hierarchy, gender norms, notions of community, language, and race and ethnicity, agroecosystem changes, representation of nature, and biological hybridization;
- 3) Recognize the way power functioned in the colonial system through Iberian logic and political organization, as well as various forms of accommodation, reform, resistance, and rebellion.
- 4) Appreciate Latin America's diversity and historical significance.

TUTORSHIP ACTIVITIES

N/A

LAB ACTIVITIES

N/A

OTHER ACTIVITIES BESIDES THE COURSE

The visiting professor will also give a seminar for Phd students

VISITING PROFESSOR PROFILE

Applicants should demonstrate outstanding nationally and internationally recognised scholarship in the field of Latin American history. Preferred thematic specializations include indigenous history, empire and colonialism, immigration/migration and diaspora, borderlands, social movements, social and racial issues, political history.

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