

**HIS 380**  
**Conservatism and Reactionary Movements in Modern Latin America**

Summer Session-I

Satisfies: SBS+  
Thematic Categories: “Arts, Ideas & Culture,”  
“Law, Politics & Social Justice,” “Race, Religion, Gender & Sexualities”

Online, Asynchronous

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The history of modern Latin American politics is highlighted by a variety of political ideologies, but conservatives and reactionaries have been largely overlooked by the historiography. It has been common to generalize these groups by labeling them in simple categories. This course will explore how events and historical circumstances experienced by Latin America since from the 19th century through to the dictatorships of the 1970s have shaped varieties of conservatism and reactionary expressions. Rather than dividing the course by separate countries, this class will be organized along the analytical axes of geopolitics, gender and sexuality, and grassroots movements. Students will read academic articles, watch lectures, and analyze primary sources. There will be weekly quizzes and a final historiographic essay where students will have to write an analytical piece about the course’s readings plus one more reading that they will have to choose from a list given by the instructor.