HIST 0276-501: LATIN AMERICA TO 1800

This class is designed to introduce you to the colonial experience in Latin America from the period before conquest through independence. Given the enormous terrain and expanse of time, we will necessarily focus on particular issues within this 300-year period covering a continent and a half. In particular we will focus on some of the pivotal shifts in Latin America as societies challenged and forged their new colonial environments. We will discuss the development of Spanish colonial societies in areas such as Mexico, Peru, the Caribbean and more peripheral areas in conjunction with themes concerning indigenous societies, race, imperialism, and revolt. Assignments will include a combination of reading assignments, responses to films and discussion postings.