HIST 277-001 LATIN AMERICAN NATIONS 1800 TO PRESENT
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This class is designed to introduce you to the history of a variety of Latin American from independence to the present. The region referred to as “Latin America” encompasses a continent and a half of diverse nations. Given the enormous expanse of terrain, we will necessarily focus on particular issues and countries – including Cuba, Mexico, El Salvador and Colombia. In particular we will prioritize some of the key themes in modern Latin American history including: economic underdevelopment, dictatorship and democratization, revolutionary movements, the role of the United States, and globalization. We will read about famous Latin Americans (like Fidel Castro) and also explore the lives of workers and peasants. Assignments will include a textbook, primary sources and videos about the region to give you an introduction to Latin America in the twentieth century.