Indigenous Peoples: Cultures & Social Perspectives

COURSE DESCRIPTION
This class will examine the Indigenous populations in Latin America from a multidisciplinary perspective in order to critically assess and challenge the assumptions and limitations of the definitions and constructions of indigeneity across various fields. We will:

1) question the fixity of the social category of “indigenous”
2) compare colonial representations of the Indigenous with self-portraits in auto-ethnographies & testimonials
3) understand the economic and political realities that sustain their subjugation
4) analyze cultural expression in the arts and literature
5) read archeological and anthropological texts that contradict the record of their history in other fields

CLAC SECTION
For Whom?
Anyone interested in the Spanish language and culture and also looking for opportunities to learn and practice the language in the integrated skills of reading, listening, writing, and speaking. Spanish majors, minors, International Studies, Latin American Studies, allied hours for many majors.

About What?
In this compact one-hour-a-week class, enjoy discussing and writing about various topics regarding the Indigenous Peoples in Latin America: their cultural heritage and history. We integrate a wide variety of texts written in Spanish. Students with intermediate competence in Spanish are welcome.

HUM 4900
TH, 12:25-1:45PM
3 credits
readings & discussion in English

CLAC Section
HUM 4900-002
readings & discussion in Spanish
1 credit course
class time TBD

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