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LALS 680: Issues in Latin American and Latino Studies

The Politics of Race in Latin America

W 5:30-8:15pm

Race has been a significant element in the construction of Latin American and Caribbean national identities. The way Latin Americans perceive themselves today is deeply rooted in the definitions of race developed to ensure the creation of unified nations after the independence movements. This course examines the discourses of *mulatez* and *mestizaje* as well as the efforts to highlight Latin American racial diversity through the study of cultural artifacts such as paintings, novels and essays and the historical-political context in which they were produced.



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