Latin America’s societies are extremely varied: semi-nomadic tribes in Amazonia; modernizing peasant communities in Mesoamerica and the Andes; Afro-Latin folk in Brazil and the Caribbean; and Euro-Latin urbanites in the Southern Cone. We will explore themes of contact and interconnection since 1492 that have resulted in deep inequalities and violence, but also creative forms of adaptation and resistance. This course will heighten your awareness of race, ethnicity, religion, gender, human rights, globalization, and social movements in Latin America.

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