

Gender History of Twentieth Century Mexico: Women, Feminism and Sexuality

This course surveys the history of women, feminism, and sexuality in Mexico throughout the Twentieth century. The course addresses gender discourses in connection with larger public discussions in the political, social, and cultural history of Mexico, such as nationalism, modernization, socialism, and secularization. We will approach Mexican history from a transnational perspective in order to contextualize local and national processes in global movements and networks.

The eight sessions of the course will be divided in three blocks, each dedicated to women's, feminism, and sexual diversity history. Half of the sessions will be asynchronous and taught through a virtual platform. Students will be required to go over obligatory readings each session, participate in online forums and write a final essay. Primary sources, including documents, audio recordings and videos, will be also provided as obligatory or suggested materials.

The course is open to anyone interested in history and gender studies. The topics that will be covered include gender polemics around women's work, representation, rights, and appearance; women's participation in social and political movements; the emergence, development, and diversification of feminist movements; early historical cases of sexual diversity and the rise of gay liberation movement.

The materials of the course include scholar and academic publications but also archival documents such as newspapers, magazines, books, pamphlets, and legal papers. We will also discuss videos. Most of the reading materials are in English, however Spanish comprehension is suggested to make the most of the provided materials.