



History of Feminism in Mexico (1900 – 2020)

This course surveys the history of feminism in Mexico starting in the early 1900s to the present. It addresses the many forms of feminist discourses and activism in connection with larger public conversations on nationalism, modernization, and secularism. The course addresses the social and historical circumstances of feminist public discussions and movements that took place in Mexico. The focus is Mexican feminism; however, we highlight some of the most relevant transnational interactions with Latin American groups.

The topics that will be covered include the struggle of women to access the professional and intellectual education, the pursuit of equal rights in marriage, the long-lasting debate of women's suffrage in Mexico and the development of nationalist and socialist strands of feminism during and after the Mexican Revolution. The course will also explore the emergence of a transnational Latin American feminism at the end of the Second World War and the rise of countercultural feminism in the seventies. Finally, the last sessions of the course will study the diversification of feminism in terms of races, class, religion, sexual and gender identities.

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 film documentaries. Most of the reading materials are in English, however Spanish comprehension is suggested to make the most of the documents.