



EL COLEGIO
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INTERNATIONAL
SUMMER
PROGRAM

Police Institutions and Social Disorder in Latin America, 18th-20th Centuries

This course analyzes recent historiographical trends on the history of police, social control and punishment in Latin America, especially Mexico. First, it focuses on the “police system” since Bourbon reforms during the second half of the Eighteenth Century, to the liberal State Formation during the Nineteenth Century. Secondly, it presents case studies in order to understand gaps between the law and disruptive social practices within rural and urban contexts, such as petty offenders, criminals and bandits. Last, we will discuss some patterns and highlights on police archives and sources to acknowledge their importance in the historical research on diverse subjects, such as everyday life, social conflicts, political dissents, corruption and State violence.