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REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENTS IN LATIN AMERICA (3 CR)

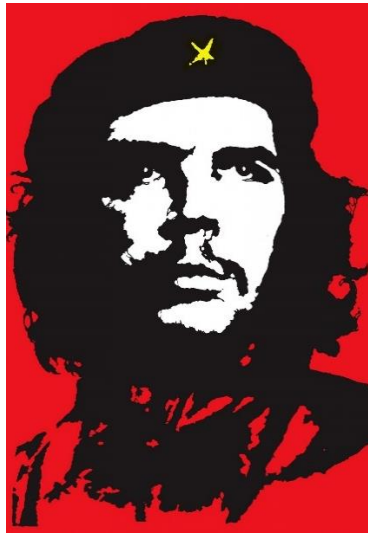
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Tue/Thu 1 to 2:15pm

Synchronous Zoom

All readings are in English. Everyone is welcome.



Jim Fitzpatrick, 1968.

Communism! Che Guevara. The Cuban Missile Crisis. If you grew up in a Latin American household or are of Latin American descent, you have likely encountered these terms. Revered by his followers and reviled by his critics, Ernesto “Che” Guevara (pictured above) is one of the most polarizing Latin American revolutionaries. Indeed, many US Americans who lived through the Cold War associated Latin America with the Soviet Union. Why? More importantly, how can we look beyond US representations of the region to understand Latin America on its own terms?

This course examines a variety of Latin American revolutionary movements from the 1950s to the early 2000s. National examples may include Guatemala, Cuba, Brazil, Chile, Argentina, Nicaragua, El Salvador, Peru, and Bolivia. We will pay particular attention to the lived social experiences of counter/revolution: race, gender, indigeneity, sexuality, and class. Finally, we will use this collation of social and national experiences to raise broader comparative questions:

- Was there a Cold War in Latin America or a Latin American Cold War?
- How should we integrate the internal and external dimensions of power?
- How do lived social experiences help us understand counter/revolution?
- How should we interpret oral histories and other “unconventional” sources?

Assignments include attendance/participation, weekly blog posts, and two exams. Readings include a combination of books, articles, and primary sources. Most will be posted online.