**DISCIPLINA:** HISTORY OF LAW AND SOCIETY IN LATIN AMERICA  
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**CARGA HORÁRIA:** 30h  

### EMENTA

We can only understand present legal institutions, practices, and concepts through their social and political history. Differently from what traditional law schools preach, current law is not an advanced stage of a potentially universal and abstract legal thought. It is historic, constructed, and contingent to space and time. Based on these premises, we are going to look at how Latin American law shaped and was shaped by colonization, patriarchy, slavery, revolutions, urbanization, industrialization, dictatorships, and democratic transitions. We will read historical documents, such as court records, constitutions and political speeches, in order to grasp and criticize the role of law in the region.

**PS:** The course’s working language is English, but students may choose to write their papers in Portuguese. If you have any questions, contact me at pedro.cantisano@fgv.br.

### OBJETIVOS GERAIS

The general objectives are to familiarize students with the history of law in Latin American societies, and with the analysis of historical documents.

### OBJETIVOS ESPECÍFICOS

Specific objectives include, but are not restricted to understanding:

- The role of legal ideas, institutions, and practices in the colonization of the New World, in the control of socially excluded groups, and in political violence
- How these same ideas, institutions, and practices opened space for social movements and individuals who claimed independence, freedom, political and social rights, and democracy
- What is the role of law in the construction of ideologies, identities, and in the daily experiences of economic, racial, gender and sexuality exclusions
- The socio-legal history of Latin America in its ruptures and continuities, and in its homogeneity and heterogeneity across national, regional, and social lines

### BIBLIOGRAFIA OBRIGATÓRIA


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