Course Title: MLCS 696 – B1 Latin American Feminisms (Winter Term)

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Time: Tuesday and Thursday, Place: HC 2 41
Office Hours: Tuesday 2-3 or by appointment

Course Prerequisite: consent of department
It is your responsibility as a student to ensure that you have the appropriate prerequisites for the course.

Course-based Ethics Approval in place regarding all research projects that involve human testing, questionnaires, etc.?

☐ Yes x No, not needed, no such projects approved.

Community Service Learning component
☐ Required ☐ Optional x None

Past or Representative Evaluative Course Material Available
☐ Exam registry – Students’ Union
  http://www.su.ualberta.ca/services/infolink/exam/
☐ See explanations below
☐ Document distributed in class
☐ Other (please specify)
  x NA

Course Description, Objectives, and Expected Learning Outcomes:
This course examines current feminist protest movements in Latin America. We will start by theoretically framing these movements. From here, we will engage with different sites of social and political intervention such as decolonization; the body-land-territory debate; communal struggles; intersectional gender violence; the illiberal state and authoritarian neoliberalism; and borders and migration. Based on this we will explore the current surge in critical Latin-American feminisms in these areas.

This course aims to develop students’ capacity to critically reflect on new insights in feminist protest and theory by engaging with Latin-American feminist debates. By the end of the course
students should have an advanced understanding of critical approaches to Latin-American feminisms through their engagement with readings, discussions and visual material.

**Course Format:** This course consists of inputs by all participants in form of short presentations, close readings, discussions, films, and other multimedia. To do well in this course you will have to: (a) read the course material; (b) do a 10-15 minutes presentation on one class topic, (c) contribute to collective reading practice by preparing two questions and sharing two to three observations, (d) work with one or two examples related to your everyday life that you will present in a written form (1000 words) and discuss in class or (e) do a presentation on a film or video material in response to or in dialogue with the course material that you will present in a written form (1000 words) and discuss in class, (f) reflect on collective learning practices by keeping a class diary and presenting two to three notes at the beginning of class, (g) submit a 3000 word essay on a topic of your choice on the class material in the last week of term.

This course acknowledges that the University of Alberta is located on Treaty 6 territory. We respect the histories, languages, and cultures of the First Nations including the Cree, Blackfoot, Metis, Nakota Sioux, Iroquois, Dene, Ojibway/ Saulteaux/Anishinaabe, Inuit, and many others whose cultural, political, intellectual and artistic work have constituted this country. It is our aim to learn and inspire each other, to critically question the settler colonial legacies shaping our everyday encounters and learning practices in order to develop a space of communal learning, based on mutual respect, recognition and acknowledgement of our positionalities and differences.

It is possible that students may be introduced to topics and lifestyles through course material and/or the experiences of others that challenge or conflict with their own life experiences (i.e. work, personal, or family history). It is important to consider, integrate, and critique new material and alternate experiences as opposed to simply dismissing or criticizing them. Please take this into consideration when deciding whether to continue in this class.

The classroom is intended as a safe and welcoming place for all. Discussion and debate are encouraged, but respect, open-mindedness, and awareness are essential. There will be zero tolerance for disrespectful, discriminatory, or offensive behavior (language included).

**Texts:** see course schedule below, texts can be accessed on eClass

**Additional Course Fees**

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**Important Dates:** See Academic Schedule in current Calendar

First Day of Class: January 9, 2020
Add/Delete Date: January 17, 2020
50% Withdrawal Date: February 5, 2020
Winter Term Reading Week: February 18-21, 2020
Withdrawal Date: April 1, 2020
Last Day of Class: April 9, 2020

**Grade Distribution (see “Explanatory Notes”):**
To best accommodate different learning styles and class size, there are multiple evaluation components:

**During the Course**
Class Attendance and Participation 10%
Preparing one class collective reading 5%
Presentation class diary 5%
Class Presentation 20% Dates to be determined in consultation with the professor
1000-word Film or Experience Presentation 20%  **Due on the 25th February 2020**
4000 word Essay- 30% due April 12 @ 5 pm

**Explanatory Notes on Assignments:**
**Class Presentation:** 10-15 minute presentation on one class topic, preparation of two discussion questions and two reading extracts as well as chairing of class discussion for one class.
**Film or Experience Discussion:** Choose a film or experience related to the class content and produce a discussion paper of 1000 words for one class.
**Collective Reading Contribution:** Prepare 2 questions for one class and share two to three observations of the reading with the class, chair the collective reading session.
**Keeping a Class Diary:** Reflect on collective learning practices by keeping a class diary and present two to three notes at the beginning of class in two to three classes.
**Essay:** Submission of a 4,000 word essay on one topic from the class material in the last week of term.

Additional details will be made available on eClass.

**Required Notes:**

“Policy about course outlines can be found in the Evaluation Procedures and Grading System of the University Calendar.”

**Student Responsibilities:**

**Academic Integrity:**
The University of Alberta is committed to the highest standards of academic integrity and honesty. Students are expected to be familiar with these standards regarding academic honesty and to uphold the policies of the University in this respect. Students are particularly urged to familiarize themselves with the provisions of the Code of Student Behaviour and avoid any behaviour that could potentially result in suspicions of cheating, plagiarism, misrepresentation of facts and/or participation in an offence.
Academic dishonesty is a serious offence and can result in suspension or expulsion from the University.

All students should consult the Academic Integrity website. If you have any questions, ask your instructor.

An instructor or coordinator who is convinced that a student has handed in work that he or she could not possibly reproduce without outside assistance is obliged, out of consideration of fairness to other students, to report the case to the Associate Dean of the Faculty. See the Academic Discipline Process.

**Learning and Working Environment:**
The Faculty of Arts is committed to ensuring all students; faculty and staff are able to study and work in an environment that is safe and free from discrimination and harassment. It does not tolerate behaviour that undermines that environment. The Department urges anyone who feels that this policy is being violated to:

- Discuss the matter with the person whose behaviour is causing concern; or
- If that discussion is unsatisfactory, or there is concern that direct discussion is inappropriate or threatening, discuss it with the Chair of the Department.

For additional advice or assistance regarding this policy you may contact the Office of the Student Ombuds. Information about the University of Alberta Discrimination and Harassment Policy and Procedures is described in UAPPOL.

It is the policy of the University of Alberta that sexual violence committed by any member of the University community is prohibited and constitutes misconduct. Resources and more information can be found at https://www.ualberta.ca/campus-life/sexual-violence

**Territorial Statement:**
“The University of Alberta acknowledges that we are located on Treaty 6 territory, and respects the histories, languages, and cultures of the First Nations, Métis, Inuit, and all First Peoples of Canada, whose presence continues to enrich our vibrant community.” (from the beginning of the Calendar).

**Recording of Lectures:**
Audio or video recording, digital or otherwise, of lectures, labs, seminars or any other teaching environment by students is allowed only with the prior written consent of the instructor or as a part of an approved accommodation plan. Student or instructor content, digital or otherwise, created and/or used within the context of the course is to be used solely for personal study, and is not to be used or distributed for any other purpose without prior written consent from the content author(s).

**Attendance, Absences, and Missed Grade Components:**
Regular attendance is essential for optimal performance in any course. In cases of potentially excusable absences due to illness or domestic affliction, notify your
instructor by e-mail within two days. Regarding absences that may be excusable and procedures for addressing course components missed as a result, consult sections Attendance and Examinations of the University Calendar. Be aware that unexcused absences will result in partial or total loss of the grade for the “attendance and participation” component(s) of a course, as well as for any assignments that are not handed-in or completed as a result.

Deferral of term work is a privilege and not a right; there is no guarantee that a deferral will be granted. Misrepresentation of facts to gain a deferral is a serious breach of the Code of Student Behaviour.

In this course, Regular attendance is essential for optional performance. Regarding absences that may be excusable and procedures for addressing course components missed as a result, consult the Attendance section of the University Calendar. If you are unable to attend class, it is your responsibility to contact a classmate to find out what was discussed and get notes. Lecture notes, detailed slides, and other class material will not be available online, nor will they be provided by your instructor.

Policy for Late Assignments:
Students are required to contact me within two working days following the missed exam or term work (or as soon as possible, considering the circumstances) to apply for an excused absence. Excused absences are not automatic and are at my discretion.

Work will be accepted after the due date only in the case of an excused absence.

Disclaimer:
Any typographical errors in this syllabus are subject to change and will be announced in class and posted on eClass. The date of the final examination is set by the Registrar and takes precedence over the final examination date reported in this syllabus.

Student Resources:
The best all-purpose website for student services is: https://www.ualberta.ca/current-students.

Accessibility Resources: (1 – 80 SUB)
The University of Alberta is committed to creating work and learning communities that inspire and enable all people to reach their full potential. Accessibility Resources promotes an accessible, inclusive, and universally designed environment. For general information to register for services visit the Accessibility Resources webpage.

The Academic Success Centre: (1-80 SUB)
The Academic Success Centre offers a variety of workshops on effective study and exam strategies. There are in-person and online sessions available for a modest fee.
The Centre for Writers: (1-42 Assiniboia Hall)  
The Centre for Writers offers free one-on-one writing support to students, faculty, and staff. Students can request consultation for a writing project at any stage of development. Instructors can request class visits and presentations.

Health and Wellness Support: There are many health and community services available to current students. For more information visit the Health and Wellness Support webpage.

Office of the Student Ombuds: The Office of the Student Ombuds offers confidential interviews, advice and support to students facing academic, discipline, interpersonal and financial difficulties.

Grading:  
Assessment of the individual course components may be in the form of numerical marks or letter grades. The final letter grade will be based on "a combination of absolute achievement and relative performance in a class" (University Calendar, Evaluation Procedures and Grading System). The University Grading Procedure mandates that "a student’s level of achievement of the goals/outcomes of a course, their grade, and the descriptor of that grade must be aligned" (https://policiesonline.ualberta.ca/). The following guidelines have been adopted by the Department of Modern Languages and Cultural Studies:

“MLCS Graduate Grading Scale”

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Check: GLEFAS – Grupo Latino Americano de Estudio, Formación y Acción Feminista: https://glefas.org

Video-Clip: Me gritaron negra
Victoria Santa Cruz
https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=5&v=cHr8DTNRZdg
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C2vnOa9isco
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28.01.20 & 30.01.20 Decolonizing Feminisms II


Paredes, Julieta (2010): Hilando fino desde el feminismo comunitario [Finely Spun Threads of Communitarian Feminism].
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Film: Even the Rain (Iciar Bollain)


Ethnography of the Double Bind: A conversation with Aymara Sociologist, Silvia Rivera Cusicanqui, 8th of October 2018, retrieved from: [https://latinamericandiariesblogs.sas.ac.uk/2018/10/08/ethnogra](https://latinamericandiariesblogs.sas.ac.uk/2018/10/08/ethnogra)
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https://www.jacobinmag.com/2017/03/argentina-ni-una-menos-femicides-womenstrike/  
Documentary: Señorita Extraviada (Lourdes Portillo, 2002):  
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nE8xl_p-uiM  
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