This course will focus on the social, economic and cultural transformation of the Latin American urban world from the 1870s to the 1980s. Emphasis will be on the social conditions of urban life; economic policies; labor; international and rural-urban migration; modernity in the periphery; and popular responses to new forms of social control, state repression and professional expertise. The course will deal with these historical problems as both evidences of the peculiarity of the Latin American urban experience as well as its similarities with other urban experiences in the West.

Readings will include books and articles written by historians, sociologists, urban planners, geographers, political scientists, and anthropologists. The course is an invitation to explore how different disciplines deal with the urban experience. I have selected the required readings favoring the available literature in English. When possible we will also work with visual materials (photographs and films).

The course will be conducted in a colloquium format. All students will be expected to attend every session and to participate actively in class discussions. Each student will take responsibility for leading at least one class. Written assignments are as follows:
1. Outlines (1 page of day reading indicating central issues. Due by the beginning of each class)
2. Short papers (2-3 pages in length paper for each city under discussion. Due the week after)
3. Essay paper (8 pages in length, focusing either on a selected city or on an issue relevant to various cities. In this writing assignment the use of additional bibliography is mandatory.)

The following required books are available for purchase at the campus bookstore:
Michael Johns, *The City of Mexico in the Age of Díaz* (University of Texas Press, 1997)

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Articles with * are on reserve in the binder for History 67.

**Course Schedule**

**Week 1, September 3**
Introduction

**Week 2, September 10**
Lima
David Palmer, “Civilizing the City of Kings: Hygiene and Housing in Lima, Peru” *
Peter Lloyd, *The “Young Towns” of Lima. Aspects of Urbanization in Peru* (pp. 1-52)

**Week 3, September 17**
Lima
Susan Lobo, *A House of My Own. Social Organization in the Squatter Settlements of Lima, Peru*
Gustavo Riofrío, “Lima: Mega-city and Mega-problem” *
Week 4, September 24  
Buenos Aires  
James Scobie, *Buenos Aires: From Plaza to Suburb, 1870-1910*

**Paper on Lima Due**

Week 5, October 1  
Buenos Aires  
Richard Walter, *Politics and Urban Growth in Buenos Aires, 1910-1942*  
Luis Ainstein, “Buenos Aires: A Case of Deepening Social Polarization” *

**Paper on Buenos Aires Due**

Week 6, October 8  
Mexico City  
Michael Johns, *The City of Mexico in the Age of Díaz*

Week 7, October 15  
BREAK

Week 8, October 22  
Mexico City  
Film, *Amores Perros*

Week 9, October 29  
Mexico City  
Diane Davis, *Urban Leviathan: Mexico City in the Twentieth Century*

Week 10, November 5  
Rio de Janeiro  
Teresa Meade, *Civilizing Rio. Reform and Resistance in a Brazilian City, 1889-1930*

**Paper on Mexico City Due**

Week 11, November 12  
Rio de Janeiro / São Paulo  
Hamilton Tolosa, “Rio de Janeiro: Urban Expansion and Structural Change” *  
George Reid Andrews, *Blacks and Whites in São Paulo, Brazil. 1888-1988*

Week 12, November 19  
São Paulo  
Lucio Kowarick ed., *Social Struggles and the City. The Case of São Paulo*

Week 13, November 26  
Rio de Janeiro / São Paulo  
Film, *Pixote*

Week 14, December 3  
Brasília  
James Holston, *The Modernist City. An Anthropological Critique of Brasília*

**Paper on Rio de Janeiro Due**

Week 15, December 10  
Students’ presentations
Paper on São Paulo Due December 12

Paper on Brasília Due by December 14

8-10 page Paper Due by December 18