Latin American Feminism and Latinx Feminism

SPAN 395
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TTh 12:30 - 1:50 pm
Instructor: Cintia Martínez

Class will be taught in Spanish, but students w/ an immediate level of Spanish and graduate students are welcome

Course description:
This course first aims to encourage students to recognize two different modes of intellectual work produced by women from Latinx communities in the USA, and Nuestramérica/Abya Yala. Through the readings of seminal works by Anzaldúa, Lugones, Sor Juana Inés, Rosario Castellanos, and others, students will engage with the difference of feminisms depending on their location. The second part of the course offers an overview of ideas, discussions and recent debates concerning feminism and women’s social mobilizations from Bravo River to Patagonia: with a focus on significant contributions from indigenous and women, and women of color.

The initial discussion of two different conceptual frameworks will assist in understanding the “punto de vista cero”: an important concept in Latin American Philosophy. The second part of the course presents an introduction to Latin American feminism. Students will recognize such main contributions as the comunitarismo (as an horizontal organization), critiques of western and white feminist canons and the resistance of indigenous women to male indigenism. The course includes a focus on the multiple forms of political activism associated with the ideas discussed.