The history of modern Latin American politics is highlighted by a variety of political ideologies, but Conservatives and reactionaries have generally been dismissed or labeled in simplistic categories. This course will examine various events and historical circumstances which have shaped the varieties of Conservatism and reactionary expressions Latin America has experienced, from the late 19th century to the dictatorships of the 1970s. Rather than dividing the course into separate countries, this class will be organized along several thematic axes: geopolitics, gender and sexuality, and grassroots movements. Students will read academic articles, watch lectures, and analyze primary sources. Graded assignments will include weekly quizzes and a final exam.