

## **Drugs and Empires in Mexico: A Historical Perspective**

The main objective of the course is to comprehend the relation between drugs, violence and imperialism, from a historical and a global perspective, but with special emphasis on Latin America and Mexico.

We will analyze the main intellectual transitions shaping the diverse relations that Mexican culture has established with drugs since the 17th Century. Topics involve the effects of colonial prohibitions on traditional medical knowledge and indigenous entheogens, the Europeans pharmacological perspectives in the 19th Century, and the making of the current global regime of drug control since the early 20th Century. Also, we will critically review the leading approaches to understand the relations between drugs, imperialism and violence, including State-centered approaches, political economy of clandestine markets, and exchanges of meanings around drug-trades, or narcoculture.