



Economic History of Mexico, 1800-2000

This course surveys the economic evolution of Mexico in the two centuries from the last years of the colonial period to the end of the single party regime in the year 2000. It covers the long transition from a traditional economy to one in which modern economic growth took place, also dealing with the consolidation of a modern, industrial economy in the twentieth century. It analyzes the different patterns of development that characterized Mexico's economic history within these two centuries, including an early period of inward-looking stagnation, followed by export-led growth, import substitution industrialization, and the more recent insertion into the global economy.

Special attention will be paid to the current debates that confront scholars regarding each of the periods and phenomena considered. Also of interest will be to examine institutional factors and their role in the performance of the Mexican economy throughout time.

Class meetings will consist of presentations by the instructor and the discussion of selected readings by the group of participants.