The Uses of Violence in Latin American Literature

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This course will examine the representation and uses of violence in Latin American literature. We will analyze several novels and fictions that deal with different forms of violence related to politics, sexuality and gender, race, religion, social culture, war and revolution. We will also take into account the ideas on violence developed by authors such as Walter Benjamin, Hannah Arendt, René Girard and Slavoj Žižek, among others, to analyze how several Latin American writers work with violence in the construction of their fictions. By doing so, we will explore the interaction between fictions and Latin American History and Culture which determines the particular manifestations of violence in Latin American societies and the way in which violence is dealt with in literature. Given in Spanish.

Dr. Ansolabehere is a Professor of Spanish at the University of Buenos Aires. He also teaches regularly at the UGA en Buenos Aires study abroad program. He specializes in issues of literature, anarchism and cultural politics in Argentina. With a focus on novels, short stories, poems and anarchists’ newspapers and magazines in the early 20th century, his research explores the complex relationship between literature and politics. His work has been published in major scholarly journals (including Revista Iberoamericana, Entrepasados, and Mora) and books (Historia crítica de la literatura Argentina, La ley de los profanos, and Letras y divisas, to name but a few).

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