This course is an overview of social and environmental relations in Latin America, with a focus on development, resources and environmental justice, mestizaje, and rural-urban relations. The course is designed with active student participation in mind. It uses short lectures, collaborative, learning exercises, reflective writing, and film discussion sessions to introduce new concepts and perspectives. Students taking this course will gain knowledge and practice critical thinking skills to effectively formulate an opinion on current issues that link Latin American peoples and places to the rest of the world.