

Module Title: Labour in Latin American Culture

Module Code: SML6207

Credit Value: 15

Level: 6

Pre-requisite modules:

Content Description

Labour in Latin American Culture enables students to explore representations of different forms of paid work in the region throughout the twentieth and twenty-first centuries. The module addresses cultural texts including visual artworks, films and literary testimonies (testimonios) from a range of countries. The course opens by examining portrayals of industrial work and later focuses on representations of reproductive labour, such as domestic work. It enables students to examine the links between these depictions and different labour movements.

Module Aims

The aim of this module is to enable students to analyse cultural portrayals of work in Latin America and to understand how these portrayals intersect with the histories of different labour movements and unions in the region. Students will develop their skills of comparative cultural analysis by interrogating a variety of different media from a range of countries. Students will also be encouraged to reflect on the potential social impacts of portrayals of marginalised workers, including by discussing the outcomes of recent creative collaborations between workers' organisations, NGOs and artists in Latin America. These aims are in line with the 8 March 2023 Benchmark Statement for Languages, Cultures and Societies.