

SPAIN'S EVOLVING SOCIAL AND DEMOGRAPHIC LANDSCAPES

General description

The purpose of this course is to understand Spanish society from social, political, economic, etc. points of view from the beginnings of the Modern State until the present-day, while also referring to possible previous milestones which affected the development of the Modern State. Students will study the effect produced in Spain by the discoveries of America, Australia, etc. and the conquests and settlements in Asia, Africa, etc. The exchange of social, urban, economic, etc. systems within the different geographical landscapes.

The socio-religious, political, economic, etc. developments which American gold and its effect on Spain (**La Casa de Contratación** – this was responsible for the regulation of Spain's trade with her Latin American colonies) signified for the financing of religious wars in the rest of Europe.

The monarchical and republican periods. Their effect on Spanish society and the establishment of social classes. The colonial and civil wars.

Content

- 1.- From Medieval society to the creation of the Modern State. Social, political, economic, productive differences. The different modes of production and their repercussion on social and demographic development.
- 2.- Demographic changes from the Medieval Age to the Modern Age. Social mentalities. Changes in demographic tendencies over time.
- 3.- Demography based on social change. Society based on demographic changes. Society, demography, healthcare and their interaction.
- 4.- Urban changes, urbanism, urbanisation of urban nuclei based on social, political, economic, etc. changes.
- 5.- American gold in America, towards Spain and later to Europe. Cultural aspects, economic changes, German bankers and the Spanish debt.
- 6.- The end of the Spanish empire. Colonialism and decolonization. The XIXth century. XXth century Politics and its repercussion in the XXIst century.

Assessment

Evaluation is continuous assessment based on attendance, class participation, reading, commentaries, summaries or reports and forums in class or elsewhere.

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