This class aims to take students through the history of anarchist oriented movements in the Americas over the past century. Rather than discussing all of the Americas, we will focus our time and energy on a few key countries: Argentina, Chile, Mexico and the United States. The approach of covering a century and four countries will help push us to think comparatively and critically, to see continuities and ruptures. While anarchism held a prominent place in social movements a century ago, its history had been eclipsed by Marxist movements that took center stage for most of the 20th century. This class seeks to restore the rightful place of anarchism in the history of social movements in the Americas over the past century, as well as call attention to recent social movements that clearly draw on longer trajectories of anarchist movements.

Lectures will be based on structural changes in each country, aspects of social movements, and other issues not covered in the readings. The readings will be a fundamental piece of the class: in a dialogical fashion, we will discuss the readings and pull out as much as possible from each reading, in the form of history, ideas, problems, and as we progress in the class, a comparative view. Readings are a mix of secondary scholarship, primarily by historians, but also from other fields, and primary sources in the form of essays, documents and oral interviews. Students will also be responsible for presenting on one week's reading. Students will present some of the main arguments of the authors, critique the ideas and offer questions for discussion.

Assignments:
The written assignments will be take home essays, the first given out the week of February 6-10, and the second (midterm) the week we return from Spring Break and due in class the following week. The Final will be much more open ended: students will do a more in depth paper based on primary research. Students will see me by Spring Break, when we will discuss their own interest and what type of primary sources would be available to them at Tufts and on the internet. By the week of April 2-6 students would need to bring in a bibliography with both primary sources and some secondary sources, and by the week of April 23-27 they would need to have 3-4 pages of an outline or a basic structure. Students will also have the option, if they would like, to present their research on the last day of class and ask for suggestions or talk through some of their ideas with fellow students.

Required Books
George A. Collier with Elizabeth Lowery Quaratiello – *Basta!: Land and the Zapatista Rebellion in Chiapas*
David Graeber – *Direct Action: An Ethnography*
James R. Green – *Death in the Haymarket: A Story of Chicago, the First Labor Movement and the Bombing that Divided Gilded Age America*
Ricardo Flores Magón – *Dreams of Freedom: a Ricardo Flores Magón Reader*
Juan Suriano – *Paradoxes of Utopia: Anarchist Culture and Politics in Buenos Aires, 1890-1910*

Other readings will be scanned and available on Trunk; these readings are denoted by an asterisk (*). Readings that are bracketed ([ ]) are items you may skim much more lightly.
Lectures and Reading

Jan 24 – Introductions
Introductory discussion of the class, anarchy and expectations. This class will give students an idea of the semester so that if they want to drop the class they can, or if people came out of curiosity, they may figure out if they would like to stay in the class. I will also hand out the syllabus.

Jan 31 – What is anarchy?
European Anarchisms: Bakunin, Kropotkin and Malatesta

Reading:
* Errico Malatesta – Anarchby, all.
* Errico Malatesta, His Life & Ideas, p. 113-136, 243-251, [257-268]
* Kropotkin – The Conquest of Bread, Chapters 1-4 and 10.
* [Paul Avrich – Editor's Introduction to The Conquest of Bread, p. 1-24]

Feb 7 – Argentine Anarchism
Lecture:
Argentina from Independence to the early-Twentieth-Century. Anarchism and the early labor movement.

Reading:

Feb 14 – Argentine Anarchism
Lecture:
Anarchism and the Renter's Strike. Transnational anarchism and policing.

Reading:
Suriano – Paradoxes of Utopia, p. 115-231.

Feb 21 – Chilean Anarchism
Lecture:
Chile from Independence to the early twentieth century. The state of the urban working class in late nineteenth and early twentieth century Chile.

Reading:

Feb 28 – Space, Resistance and Anarchism
Lecture:
The nitrate north, space, everyday forms of resistance and the art of not being governed.

Readings:
*Elizabeth Quay Hutchison – “From “La Mujer Esclava” to “La Mujer Limón”: Anarchism and the Politics of Sexuality in Early-Twentieth-Century Chile,” Hispanic American Historical Review 81, no. 3-4 (2001), p. 519-553

Mar 6 – Mexican Anarchism
Lecture:
Mexico in the 19th century, the Mexican Revolution and its Aftermath

Readings:

Mar 13 – Cuban and US Anarchism
Lecture:
Cuban anarchism and the Philippines.

Reading:

Mar 19 – Mar 23
SPRING BREAK

Mar 25 – US anarchism
Lecture:
What is a US Anarchism?

Reading:
*The Big Red Songbook: 250-plus IWW Songs!, selected songs.
*[Nigel Anthony Sellars – Oil, Wheat, & Wobblies: The Industrial Workers of the World in Oklahoma, 1905-1930, p. 93-142]

Apr 3 – The anarchism that is not anarchism
Lecture:
The Jaramillo rebellion and the concept of 'the people' in mid-twentieth century Mexico.

Reading:
George A. Collier and Elizabeth Lowery Quaratiello – *Basta!: Land and the Zapatista Rebellion in Chiapas*, selections
*Subcomandante Marcos – Our Word is Our Weapon*, selections.
*[Donald C. Hodges – Mexican Anarchism After the Revolution, Postscript]*

**Apr 10 – Punk and Anarchism**
Lecture:
Punk in the Americas. Discussion of the video.


Video: *This Is What Democracy Looks Like*

Reading:

**Apr 17 – Contemporary Anarchism**
Lecture:
Discussion of Graeber's ethnography.

Reading:

**Apr 24 – LAST DAY OF CLASSES**
General discussion of the trajectory of anarchism across the Americas, social movements today, etc.

Reading:
*Bob Black – “The Abolition of Work”*
*Murray Bookchin – “Post-scarcity anarchism” and “Ecology and Revolutionary Thought,” in *Post-scarcity Anarchism*
*Occupy Wall Street communiqués*