Course Description: During the Cold War era, Latin American countries were swept by military juntas and authoritarian regimes, unleashing a wave of terror and fear among the population. When new governments came to power, Truth Commissions, ad-hoc, temporary commissions of inquiry were set up to investigate past human rights crimes. In this course, we will explore the role played by Truth Commissions, as a mechanism of transitional justice, in the recovery of historical memory and reconciliation.