

## The History of Mexico Syllabus

- Week 1
  - Pre-Columbian Meso America -The Olmec, Maya, Toltec, Purépecha, Aztec (Mexico)
- Week 2
  - The Conquest 1519 to 1524
- Week 3
  - New Spain 1535 to the War of Independence 1810
- Week 4
  - 1821 to 1876 - The War of the Castes, U.S. and French interventions, The Constitution of 1857.
- Week 5
  - The Porfiriato 1876 to 1910- Setting the stage for the revolution and modern Mexico
- Week 6
  - The Revolution of 1910 -1921
- Week 7
  - The 1920's on – Obregon, Calles, El Maximato, The Cristero War, Muralists
- Week 8
  - Modern Mexico - Modern politics of Mexico. Social issues, travel to Mexico.

### Course Description

This course gives our OLLI members a good overview Mexican history and a deeper understanding of its people. We will combine short videos, lecture and discussion formats to review Mexican history chronologically. Emphasis will be on the contentious forces that have shaped Mexico: Indian vs European, The State vs the Church , Mexico vs US, the law vs the gun.

There is no book required. Class members may volunteer to give short presentations on subjects of interest to them.

### Facilitator Bio

Jay has been an amigo of Mexico and the Mexican people for many years. He has taught in Mexican schools, owns property in Mexico and adopted Mexico as his second home. Preparing the course on the History of Mexico has been a labor of love. He hopes to pass along that fondness of all things Mexican to my OLLI compañeros.