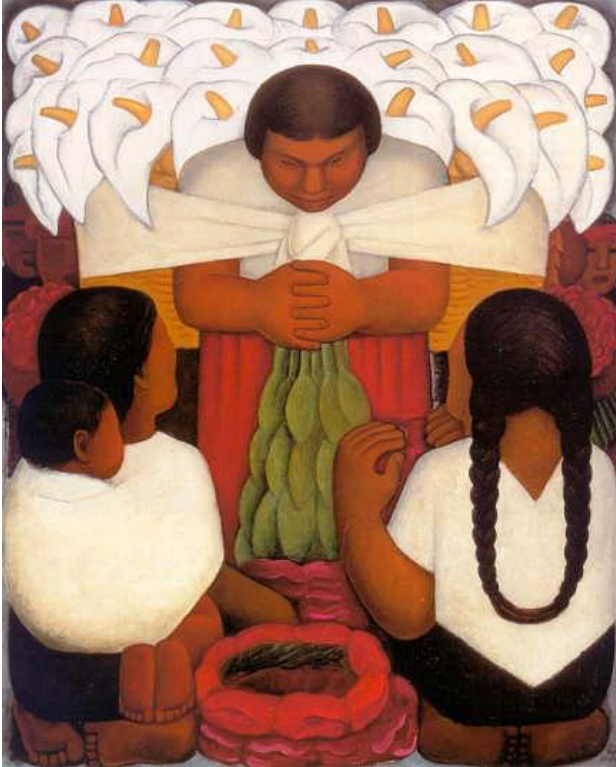


HIST 4365-Women in Latin America

University of Houston

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Class meetings:

T-Th. 5.30-7.00 p.m.

What does it mean to be a woman in Latin America? Who defines womanhood and why? How have these meanings changed over time?

To answer these questions, this class examines the historical transformation of women's roles in Latin America by looking at politics, sexuality, motherhood, domesticity, the economy, the labor market, art, and popular culture. This course explores the relation between cultural ideals of femininity and the way in which women from different classes and races created, accepted, negotiated, and contested those ideals. In order to understand the many meanings of womanhood in Latin American history, this class effectively incorporates the examination of masculinity and men's roles in Latin American countries.