REALITIES & FICTIONS OF ARGENTINA

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This newly developed study abroad subject will be taught in two places in Argentina over three weeks from 21st November to 12th December 2015*

The dichotomy Civilisation vs Barbarism has been, since Sarmiento’s foundational essay entitled Facundo: Civilisation and Barbarism (1845), one of the guiding fictions of Argentine cultural history. Written at a time of cultural crisis, this founding binary would then rule the rest of Argentina’s history until today.

This course will highlight these opposing sides, revisiting forgotten and forbidden stories, exploring ideas through immersion in real Argentina: a two-sided country, a place of contradictions. In the countryside, we will get to see the “barbaric” Argentina, the gaucho land, while learning about local legends, eating traditional food, and visiting places unknown to tourists.

On the other side, in the “civilised” cosmopolitan city of Buenos Aires, we will learn about its vibrant cultural life, architecture, music, politics, astonishing stories of censorship during the dirty war and the struggles in democratic times.

The highlights

- Accommodation in the mountains of San Luis and bustling city of Buenos Aires
- Traditional music concerts
- Indian horse-breaking day
- Excursions to popular & must see locations
- Approx. package for $7500 only (airfare included)**

This course is available as an elective subject for students enrolled in 2nd or 3rd year. It is also available as a breadth subject. A quota of 20 students applies. Application process and other details are available on request from the subject coordinator. An information session will be held later in 2014.

For enrolment enquiries contact the subject coordinator, Mara Favoretto – mara.f@unimelb.edu.au

You can also be eligible for the Melbourne Global Grant and the Melbourne Global Language Scholarship grants.

* Dates may be subject to slight variation and will be confirmed in early 2015.
** price quoted for 20 participants. Price subject to slight change for enrolment numbers below 20 students.