AMST340: Latino/a Los Angeles
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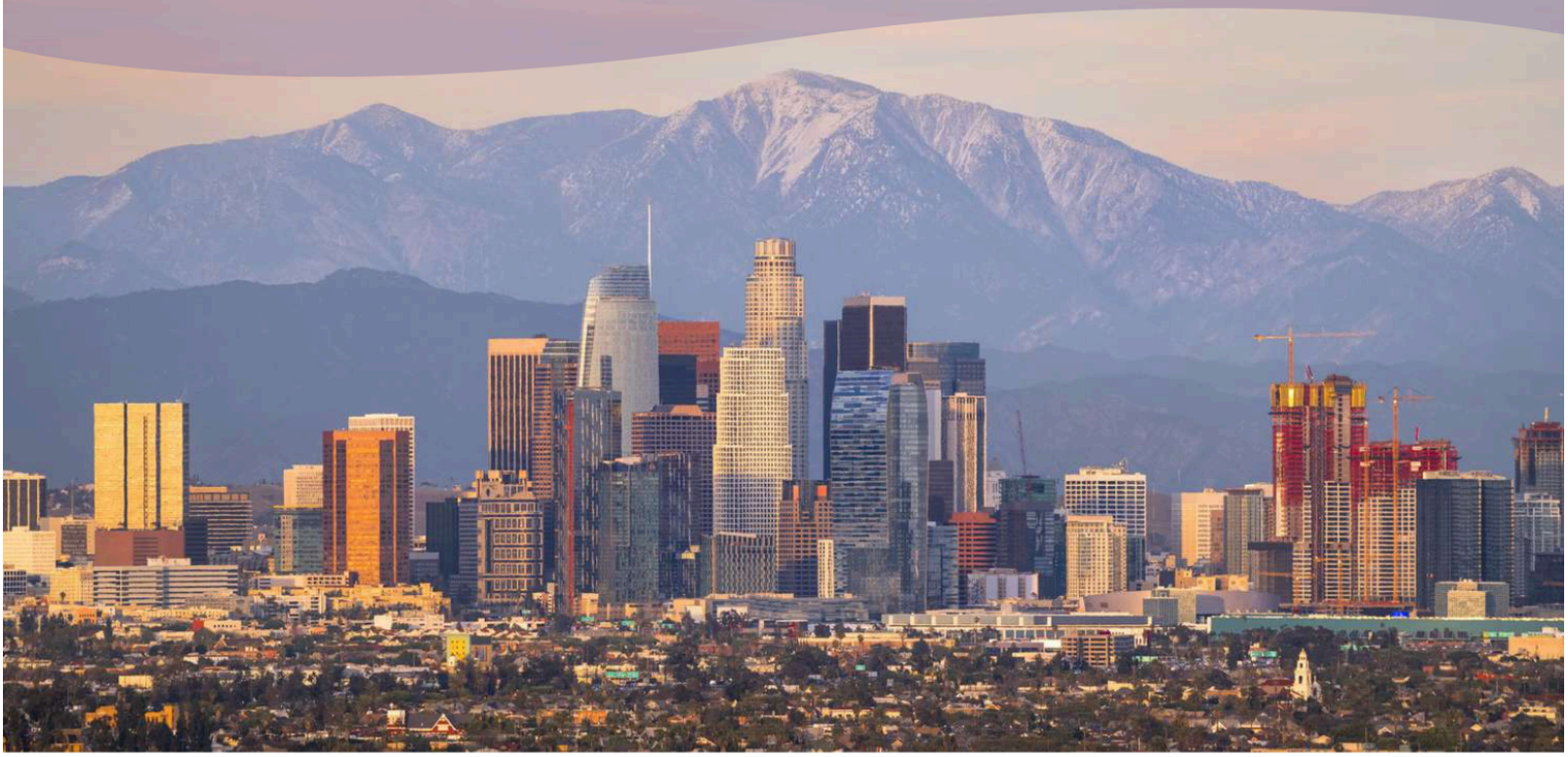

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Tues/Thurs, 9:35-10:50am | THH 215

Small acts in everyday life assign roles to people as cultural actors. What does it look like for Latino/a peoples in Los Angeles to be agents of cultural creation? This course will explore the diverse Latinx diasporas vibrantly present in Los Angeles through a particular lens of gender/sexuality, immigration, and sport. How Latino/as come to take up space and create belonging in Los Angeles will give students a complex and nuanced perspective to the city, they call their intellectual "home."

This course will have students engage in mapping practices, auto/ethnographic methods, and literature that contends with the socio-historical and political landscapes that create precarity for Latino/as in Los Angeles. Students will uncover how almost 50% of the population of LA is perceived and how they defy those perceptions as they reimagine the boundaries of belonging, joy, and citizenship in Los Angeles.

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