Culture and Politics of Illicit Drugs

Is human use of psychoactive substances a modern phenomena? Or has it been part of human evolution and history?

Why are some substances normalized while other remain suspicious and illegal?

What is the social, cultural, and political nature of production, trade and consumption of an industry sustained by the annual production of 800 tons of cocaine?







Should indigenous peoples of the Andes have the right to harvest and consume the coca plant?

Are we winning the War on Drugs? Who are the real victims of this war?

How have societies responded to various drug related epidemics?

What is the state of marijuana legalization?

Interested in exploring questions about illicit drugs and the illicit use of legal drugs? Enroll in ANT405 (Tu-Th 2:00-3:15pm) with Dr. Arredondo or email <u>larredondo@wcupa.edu</u>