The basic philosophical architecture of the three great civilizations of America: Maya, Aztec and Inca. The course links the current indigenous revival in the Andes (Bolivia and Ecuador), in the South of Mexico, and in Guatemala, with the survival of their historical legacies. This course calls into question many held beliefs upon which the idea of our own “American” past stands. We start from the assumption that Maya, Inca and Aztec civilizations are to the past and present of America, what Greek and Roman civilizations are to the past and present of Europe. Focuses on the basic conceptual foundations of these civilizations (concepts of time and space, economic and social organization, education, religion, art and literature, philosophy) and on their survival, through time, to today. Understanding the past in the present will help students to understand the growing presence and influence of Indigenous populations (Native Americans, Fourth Nations) in shaping global futures.