

Investigating Cuauhtémoc's Bones: Politics, Truth, and Mestizo Nationalism in Mexico

Part III: Seminar on Indigeneities in the Era of Development

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GUEST SPEAKER

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In 1949, a villager from Ixcateopan, Guerrero, produced documents that seemed to indicate that Cuauhtémoc, the last Mexican emperor, was buried in the village church. When bones were subsequently found under the church altar, a very public controversy ensued. Did the bones in fact belong to the nobleman? In answering that question, villagers and experts engaged the place of science, religion, and local tradition in Mexico's past and present. Karin Roseblatt's (University of Maryland) paper shows how official Mexican nationalism and the post-revolutionary state's politics of mestizaje informed conflicting positions regarding the authenticity of the bones. She also explores how gender and sexuality shaped perceptions of scientific authority and national identity during the Cold War era.



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