

LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES



Village Peru: Andean Livelihood, Territoriality, and *Campesino* Politics in an Age of Terror, 1980-1990

Speaker

Javier Puente-Valdivia

Postdoctoral Fellow, LAS and Department of History, Lehigh University

Abstract: In the latter part of the twentieth century, the Peruvian countryside was engulfed in civil strife as a Maoist insurrectionary party confronted state forces. The Truth and Reconciliation Commission concluded the conflict produced almost 70,000 casualties, with the vast majority of them coming from rural impoverished areas of the country. Focusing on the experience of San Juan de Ondores, a campesino village in the central Peruvian highlands, this presentation examines how rural villagers engaged with political violence, how chaos was materially rooted in distant pasts, and how internal distress enhanced important degrees of village negotiation.



Javier Puente Valdivia received a Ph.D. in Latin American history from Georgetown University, and currently holds the postdoctoral fellowship in Latin American Studies Program at Lehigh University.

Thursday, November 13, 2014 ▪ 4:10 PM ▪ Maginnes Hall 113

Office of Interdisciplinary Programs 610-758-3996 or incasip@lehigh.edu

