

WAK'AS AND THE TINKU OF HISTORY AND ANTHROPOLOGY:

AN EXOHISTORICAL APPROACH TO NATIVE ANDEAN THEORY AND CONCEPTS
—AND ITS IMPLICATIONS IN INTERPRETING TWO MILESTONES IN
INDOAMERICAN HISTORY

This conference proposes a radical re-examination of the current ways in which historical anthropology is understood and practiced in most “metropolitan” academic institutions, and pleads for an active recognition of *other* (in this case, Andean indigenous) systems of knowledge as genuine and priority theoretical universes. This allows to advance a discussion on the nature of historical *vis a vis* anthropological knowledge, in the context of examining the complexity of the crucial —sacred, political, cosmological— quechua and aymara concept of *wak'a*, not only in the *longue durée*, but also in modern Latino-American peasant and urban settings.

To figure an explanation on what *wak'a* means, we must not only procure a *tinku* —another important quechua concept that means a battle, a dance, and a symbiotic encounter— between History and Anthropology, but a recognition of its significance in the process of the religious and spiritual conquest of the Americas during the 15th to 17th centuries, as well as in later significant events, such as the Great Andean Revolt of the 1780's or the political extreme-left violence of the last 40 years in South America.

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