

"Moteuczoma and Mexico City: Imperial Images in the Colonial City"

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While much scholarly attention has been directed to the establishment of Spanish rule in its American colonies, this paper turns to the ongoing (and often overlooked) presence of an indigenous government in Mexico City. This polyglot and multi-ethnic urban hub was the capital of the Viceroyalty of New Spain and through much of the colonial period, the most important New World city. Using textual and visual descriptions of the city, the paper examines the multiple ways that indigenous political power was conceived of and represented in the city's spaces.