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## Subaltern Royalism and Revolution in Colombia's Southwest, 1808-1820

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All are welcome.

In this talk I will analyze the royalist forces that rose in defense of the colonial order in the southwestern region of New Granada, Colombia, a royalist stronghold where slaves and local Indians united with Spanish forces to fight against independence armies. Investigating the full political logic of subaltern royalism, including royalists' interests and negotiations, is necessary in order to probe the assumptions at the center of nationalist narratives, and reveal the historical tensions over who belonged to nascent nations and on what terms. Subaltern royalism in this transformative process helps to explain the difficulty in consolidating nationalism in nineteenth-century Colombia and provides evidence of competing visions of empire, independence, freedom, and revolution present in post-colonial Colombian society.

*Marcela's paper is available on our website at [www.opencuny.org/psg](http://www.opencuny.org/psg)*

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