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**Slavery and indigenous servitude in the southern Andes, from the sixteenth to eighteenth centuries**

Abstract:

On this occasion, our aim is to discuss three main points. The first is the conceptual distinction between indigenous slavery and servitude, since while the former was prohibited or limited by the Catholic King from the early days of the conquest, the latter was consolidated and persisted until the twentieth century.

Our second point is precisely the conformation of indigenous servitude in Spanish households and farms. We will discuss the institution of the *encomienda* (a Spanish labor system that awarded to the conquerors the labor of non-Christian indigenous peoples) proposed by the Crown of Castile, and the problems it entailed. This led to servitude being perceived by the Spaniards in Latin America almost as the main way of conceiving the relationship of service from Indians to Spaniards, that is, the kind of work relation between people of different social status, whether under the condition of domestic servitude, *yanaconazgo*, *mita* or *peonaje*.

Finally, we will try to relate this lecture to others given in this same lectures series in memory of Joseph C. Miller, in order to see the similarities and differences with the process of constructing dependency in Asia and Africa, as well as to relate it to the other lectures on Latin America.

Bio:

Lecturer of Colonial American History at the National University of Tucumán, Argentina.

Researcher at the National Council of Scientific and Technical Research (CONICET), Argentina.

Graduate in History at the National University of Tucumán, Argentina.

MA in Latin American History, Universidad Pablo de Olavide, Seville, Spain.

PhD in History, National University of La Plata, Argentina.

PhD in History of Indigenous Worlds of Latin America. Pablo de Olavide University, Seville, Spain.

Postdoc at the "Colegio de América", Seville, Spain, 2015.

Visiting researcher at the Max Planck Institute for Legal History and Legal Theory, Frankfurt, 2018.

Fellowship Francois Chevalier at the Casa de Velazquez (Madrid, 2020), cancelled due to lockdown during the Covid pandemic.

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- Research Institute for the History of Law,
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- Interdisciplinary Network on Property and Property Rights
- Coordinator of the working group on the History of Local Law.

Joseph C. Miller Memorial Lecture Series

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Winner of four prizes from the National Academy of History of Argentina,

- Enrique Peña Award, 2002
- Prize for best graduate, 2003
- Viceroy del Pino Award, 2009.
- Best Publication Award, 2019.

Winner of José Hernández Legislator Award from the Senate of the Nation, 2010.

She has published numerous articles and book chapters on the organisation of the Latin American colonial household and indigenous servitude, as well as the transition from the old Catholic *oeconomy* to political economy in the modern centuries.

Her book, "Casa Poblada y Buen Gobierno. Catholic *oeconomy* and personal service in San Miguel de Tucumán, 18th century" was awarded the National Academy of History prize,