



Material culture, costumes and indigenous women's representation in early colonial Charcas (now Bolivia)

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The wealthiest, most stratified area of the Western hemisphere in 1600 was the mining region of Charcas. There, all kinds of people met for business and pleasure. There the dress codes of two cultures collided, clothing new identities. Through illustrations and description in women's wills, the rich flux of colonial dress can be known, permitting the penetration of the world of women of all walks of life and of every station.

Dr. Presta is one of the foremost scholars of colonial Andean society.

Her lecture will be presented in English.

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