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The boundaries of empires: Portugal and Spain in the Americas.

Abstract

The aim of this talk is to ask how territorial borders between Portugal and Spain were established in both Europe and the Americas. It challenges the view that national boundaries were largely determined by military conflicts and treaties and focuses instead on claims made by individual actors who wished to collect wood, plant a field, or convert Indians. By comparing developments on both sides of the Atlantic the goal is to reconstruct a unified imperial space, in which practices were not “metropolitan” or “colonial,” but instead “early modern”.

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