Memory and Heritage in California: The Roots and Legacy of New Spain
Presentation will be in Spanish

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Missions in Alta and Baja California contributed to the changes in indigenous cultural identity and the environment from the sixteenth century to the nineteenth century. This talk will analyze the process of missionization from a cultural, historical, architectural, and social perspective to contemporary issues. Questions we will be exploring include: What were the effects of missionization on California and Latin America’s indigenous peoples and how did borders play a role? What are the long term effects of colonization initiatives?

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