The First Amazonian Rebellion in Peru

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◊ Deutz Room, Copley Conference Center ◊
◊ IOA Complex, UCSD Campus ◊
◊ Talk will be in Spanish ◊

Peru once seemed like an exception to the indigenous movements that have taken place in Ecuador and Bolivia until two months ago, when the Amazonian Indians decisively opposed the decrees of President Garcia to sell the lands of the native communities. They painted their faces as a signal of combat, occupied an oil company’s installations, and threatened to cut off the flow of gas. The government was unprepared for such a response and lost. How do we explain these actions? What implications do they have?

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