Modernizing Imperial Madrid in the Eighteenth Century

WHEN: Thursday, May 17, 2007 from 3:30 pm to 5:00 p.m.
WHERE: Deutz Room, The Institute of the Americas Complex, UCSD campus

Professor David R. Ringrose will discuss the ways in which the relatively prosperous Bourbon monarchy of eighteenth century Madrid reconfigured its capital city. The talk will show how seventeenth century Madrid was shaped (or not shaped) by the Habsburgs and then illustrate the changes of the eighteenth century. Those changes involved greater royal ability to finance urban construction and also a changing sense of what sort of urban environment projected the royal will into the context of a "modernizing" eighteenth century urban elite. The talk will be illustrated with a series of prints, drawings, and paintings from the era.

Professor Ringrose is a Professor Emeritus of History at UCSD. He has written a number of books on Madrid and Spain, including Spain, Europe, and the "Spanish Miracle," 1700-1900 and Expansion and Global Interaction: 1200-1700. His current writing project is a book entitled Europeans Abroad, 1400-1700: Strangers in Not-So-Strange Lands.

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