This lecture will propose an alternative explanation of the transformations of the Mesoamerican world in the 16th century that is no longer centered on the conquest itself, but rather takes into account a broader view of the period. It will address the complex dynamics of social collaboration, alliance and integration between the Indigenous world and the colonial order that allowed the formation of New Spain, from 1519 to 1550. In explaining the transformations after that date, it will also foreground the overwhelming impact of the colonial genocide that took place between 1520 and 1580.

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