

Week IV: Inka Empire and *Royal Commentaries*

The students are required to read the following: John Elliott, "The Spanish Conquest and Settlement of America" in *CHLA, Colonial Latin America*, chapters 3 and 4, and El Inca Garcilaso de la Vega's *The Royal Commentaries of Peru*, books 1-8.

In order to prepare the classes, you will want to do some background reading on the Inkas:

From the enormous amount of material on the Inka and the *Comentarios reales*, the following is but the tip of the iceberg. The books from which these articles are taken have excellent bibliographies for more extensive research. This is particularly true of Rostworowski and Zamora:

Rostworowski de Diez Canseco, María. *Historia del Tahuantinsuyu*. Lima: Instituto de Estudios Peruanos, 1988. See, in particular, chapter 4, "La composicion social del Tahuantinsuyu." It is an excellent overview of Inka state and its structure.

Rostworowski, María. *La mujer en la epoca prehispánica*. Lima: Instituto de Estudios Peruanos, 1986.

Stern, Steve J. *Peru's Indian Peoples and the Challenge of Spanish Conquest: Huamanga to 1640*. Madison: University of Wisconsin Press, 1993. While the bulk of the book is specifically on the Ayacucho region, Stern's "Prologue: Paradigms of Conquest: History, Historiography, and Politics" deals with issues of the confrontations between indigenous and European world views.

Zamora, Margarita. *Language, Authority and Indigenous History in the 'Comentarios reales de los Incas'*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1988. Attached is Zamora's Introduction; it outlines her treatment of El Inca Garcilaso's rhetorical strategies in the *Comentarios*.