Special Seminar

Ugly Stories from the Peruvian Agrarian Reform

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Enrique Mayer's talk will review people's memories of the reform process then, and now, on an expropriated hacienda in Cusco, Peru, which became a cooperative that has since then collapsed. What do people remember and how do they remember it? Another is how the reform process created heroes and villains and what people think of them today. A third concern is how the reform process may have failed to find suitable expressions in the arts of Peruvian society.

Enrique Mayer is an anthropologist with more than twenty years of professional activity in Peru, Mexico and the United States. He did his graduate work at Cornell University in New York State from 1966 to 1974.

Prof. Mayer's professional career as a university teacher began at the Pontificia Universidad Católica in Lima, Peru (1970-1978). In 1979 he moved to Mexico City where he was the head of the Department of Anthropological Research at the Interamerican Indian Institute. This Institute is part of the OAS and is concerned with promoting programs and policies towards the 30 million Indian peoples of the Americas. He was editor of the Institute's prestigious journal, América Indígena. In 1982 he joined the faculty of University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign with a joint appointment in the Department of Anthropology and the Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies. Prof. Mayer was appointed Director of the Center in 1985, a position he held for eight years. In 1995 he was appointed Professor at the Department of Anthropology in Yale University. He has just published a book "The Articulated Peasant: Household Economies in the Andes" published by Westview Press, 2002.

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