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“Why Was There No ‘Scramble for Latin America’ (1850-1930)?”

Alan Knight

Monday, March 30, 2009, at 4:00 p.m.
Chao Auditorium, Ekstrom Library

In the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, the Great Powers of Europe and the United States “scrambled” to seize territory in Africa, Asia, and the Pacific. The countries of Latin America, however, retained their independence throughout this period. In the 2009 Gottschalk Lecture, the distinguished British historian Professor Alan Knight explores the question of why this was.



Alan Knight is Professor of the History of Latin America at the University of Oxford in the United Kingdom and a Fellow of St. Antony's College. A specialist in Mexican history, he received his doctorate from Oxford in 1974, and taught at the University of Essex and the University of Texas at Austin before returning to his alma mater. In 1986 he was a visiting fellow at the Center for US-Mexican Studies at the University of California, San Diego. His publications include *The Mexican Revolution*, which was awarded prizes by the American Historical Association and the Conference on Latin American History; *US-Mexican Relations, 1910-40*; and *The Mexican Petroleum Industry in the 20th Century*. He is currently completing the final volume of a three-volume general history of Mexico.

The public is invited. A reception will follow Professor Knight's lecture in Gottschalk Hall.

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