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SPEAKER EVENT:
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PRODUCING LEGIBILITY: W’AKAS, PLAZAS, AND RITUAL LANDSCAPES IN HUAROCHIRÍ, LIMA, PERU

The Inka expansion on the Central Andes brought into the Empire several polities with different histories, traditions, and identities. The increasing pressure to manage diversity and territorial expansion led the Inka to build upon familiarity with their subjects whenever possible. This presentation explores the history of a sacred place or w’aka in Huarochirí before and after the Inka. The closeness between this w’aka and Inka plazas reinforced the notion of local communities appropriating and retelling their history of subjugation by the Inka as one of alliance and broadening of community ties, demonstrating the importance of experience and reinvention among Andean communities in the face of political imposition.