

Chinese Translocal Migration to Peru, 1849-1890

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Two thousand and nine officially marked the 160th anniversary of Chinese migration to Lima, Peru. With a focus on what became known as the Chinese “coolie” trade (1849-1874), this presentation explores the beginning of social, historical, and spatial links between China and Peru, the country with the third largest Chinese diaspora in the Americas after the USA and Canada. Moreover, it links Chinese migration from San Francisco to Lima, and the beginning of social and commercial translocal networks between these two urban centres with Hong Kong as the main hub.



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