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Abstract

In her lecture Prof. Dr. Sandra López Varela (Universidad Autónoma del Estado de Morelos / Mexico) argues that the definition of Mexico's heritage has been bounded inherently to economic development, creating everlasting tensions between preserving the past and incorporating traditional lifeways in a model of modernization trying to combat poverty. In finding solutions to reconcile the contradiction, an in-depth discussion of the repercussions of the national heritage model will be examined. Also she will debate the need to incorporate archaeological sciences to transcend into a concept of heritage that stands for the valuable elements of the social and natural landscapes of Mexico's peoples, not only of its economists.