

# **Toward a Biography of Place: The Pueblo Viejo of San Miguel Achiutla, Oaxaca, Mexico**

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The archaeological site of San Miguel Achiutla, located in the Mixtec highlands of Oaxaca, was an important religious center in late pre-Hispanic times. The site's importance may have been partly due to its proximity to earlier ruined sites surrounding it. Achiutla later became a place of considerable civil unrest in the Early Colonial period, after it was conquered by the Spanish. In narrating the "biography" of this place, Dr. Forde will examine how indigenous concerns with past, present, and future have existed in dialogue over the course of its history. Archaeological, ethnohistorical, and iconographical data will be integrated to examine how these concerns were dealt with in daily practice, and how aspects of indigenous culture both changed and endured over time.



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