

## **Art of Spanish Colonial South America**

### **Week 3 questions**

There was a question and some comments about the Inquisition in Peru. As noted, the Inquisition in the New World (Mexico and Peru) was not as strict or fierce as in Europe. The Inquisition in Peru began in 1570 (around the time of the political stabilization of colonial Peru, as noted in class) and persisted until 1813-1820. There was a comment about the last inquisition execution occurring in the early 20th century (if I understood the comment correctly). Of course, that couldn't have occurred "officially" given the inquisition's demise a hundred years earlier. I don't know enough about modern Peruvian history to know if there was some other notorious church-related or government-related execution that was perhaps mistaken or publicized as an inquisition-like execution. I consulted a friend who is a historian of Peru, but he didn't know of any such event from the early 20th century.