



Colonial Catholicism in Brazil

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Intermarriage between indigenous peoples and slaves from the 16th to the 18th century.

Brazil underwent Catholic colonization under the aegis of the Portuguese crown. The imposition of Christian marriage as well as slaves from Africa for over two centuries on the indigenous peoples were fundamental aspects of this colonization. What were the strategies of the Church and its missionaries? How did the native populations react when placed in subaltern positions that were no less responsive to this enterprise?

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