

## The Lords of Tetzco

Tetzco was one of the most important cities of the pre-Hispanic Aztec Empire. When the Spaniards arrived in 1519, the indigenous hereditary nobles that governed Tetzco faced both opportunities and challenges and were forced to adapt from the very moment of contact. This book examines how the city's nobility navigated this tumultuous period of conquest and colonialism and negotiated a place for themselves under Spanish rule. While Tetzco's native nobles experienced a remarkable degree of continuity with the precontact period, especially in the first few decades after conquest, various forces and issues, such as changing access to economic resources, interethnic marriage, and intrafamilial conflict, transformed Tetzco's ruling family into colonial subjects by century's end.

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## Abbreviations

AGI	Archivo General de Indias, Seville
-I	Indiferente Section
-J	Justicia Section
-M	Audiencia de México Section
AGN	Archivo General de la Nación, Mexico City
-C	Civil Section
-I	Indios Section
-Inq	Inquisición Section
-IV	Indiferente Virreinal Section
-P	Padrones Section
-T	Tierras Section
-V	Vínculos Section
AGNot	Archivo General de Notarías, Toluca, Estado de México
BN INAH	Biblioteca Nacional, Instituto Nacional de Antropología e Historia, Mexico City