The Spanish at Yuquot: Santa Cruz de Nutka
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Cornett A129 (new room), UVic Campus, Victoria
(AGM will take place at 7:30 for about 10-15 minutes, prior to Pablo’s lecture)

Santa Cruz de Nutka (1789-1794), a Spanish settlement at Yuquot on Mowachaht territory, was founded to alert other European nations and the newly formed United States to Spanish sovereignty on the northwest coast of America. It also marked the beginning of colonialism in the area, although Spain was to fully withdraw from the area as a colonial power in 1796. This talk will address the history (foundation, construction and maintenance) of this Spanish outpost on Nootka Island.

Bio: Pablo Restrepo-Gautier is an Associate Professor in Hispanic and Italian Studies at the University of Victoria. He is a textual and literary scholar specializing in 17th-century Spanish literature. He has also been undertaking textual scholarship on the manuscripts from the Spanish presence in the Pacific Northwest. His most recent project includes a comparison of Captain Esteban Martínez’s 1789 logbook, a key document of the Nootka crisis, and the diary of Fray Francisco Miguel Sánchez, an accompanying Franciscan priest.

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