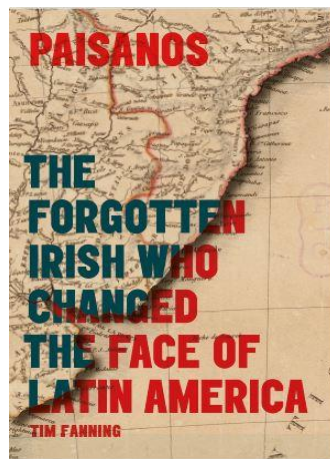




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The forgotten Irish who changed the face of Latin America



ILLUSTRATED TALK by **Tim Fanning**

The story of the Irish diaspora in the United States is a familiar one. Less well-known is that of the Irish who settled in Latin America. Tim Fanning traces the colourful history of Irish emigration to Spanish America, beginning in the sixteenth century. He looks at the ambitious Irish merchants and soldiers who settled in South America in the eighteenth century and secured important positions in the colonial government. They included Ambrose O'Higgins, the Sligo-born son of tenant farmers, who became the Viceroy of Peru, the most powerful man in South America. In the early nineteenth century, the Irish fought for the achievement of independence in Argentina, Chile, Uruguay, Bolivia, Peru, Colombia, Venezuela, Ecuador and Mexico. Many of these Irish men and women later played significant roles in the development of the Latin American republics

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