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**What:** FREE Peabody Museum Lecture and Reception

**Where:** Geological Lecture Hall, Harvard University, 24 Oxford Street, Cambridge, MA; Reception follows in the Peabody Museum, 11 Divinity Ave.

**When:** Thursday, November 8, 2007, 5:30 pm

**Contact:** 617-496-1027 (public information)

Lecture Title: *Don Francisco's Nose-Piece: Forming New Empires in Renaissance America*

Lecture by Felipe Fernández-Armesto, Prince of Asturias Professor of History, Tufts University



The Prado, Madrid

**(Cambridge, October 10, 2007)** The Peabody Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology—in collaboration with the Society of Antiquaries, Tercentenary Lecture Series—announces a lecture by Felipe Fernández-Armesto, Prince of Asturias Professor of History, Tufts University on November 8, 2007.

One of the most compelling images of cultural hybridity from the early colonial New World is A. Sánchez Galque's 1599 portrait of Francisco Arrobe and his sons, black rulers of Esmeraldas. Using the subjects' gold adornments, and especially their elaborate nose-pieces, as clues to the nature of their authority, Felipe Fernández-Armesto proposes a new way of understanding processes of elite formation or substitution in the period of European empire-building in the Americas. He argues that the evidence of material culture, allied to new insights that are emerging from indigenous-language archives and from interdisciplinary approaches, should make us re-think our account of how the new empires came about.

Felipe Fernández-Armesto (Ph.D. Oxford University) is Prince of Asturias Professor of History, Tufts University, a noted historian, and author of more than 19 volumes including, *Millennium: A History of Our Last Thousand Years* (1995), *Truth: A History and a Guide for the Perplexed* (1997); *Civilizations* (2000),

*Food: A History* (published as "Near a Thousand Tables" in US/Can) (2001), *The Americas* (2003); *Pathfinders* (2006); and *The World: A Global History* (2007).

### **About the Peabody Museum**

The Peabody Museum is among the oldest archaeological and ethnographic museums in the world with one of the finest collections of human cultural history found anywhere. It is home to superb materials from Africa, ancient Europe, North America, Mesoamerica, Oceania, and South America in particular. In addition to its archaeological and ethnographic holdings, the Museum's photographic archives, one of the largest of its kind, holds more than 500,000 historical photographs, dating from the mid-19th century to the present and chronicling anthropology, archaeology, and world culture.

**Location:** *The Peabody Museum is located at 11 Divinity Avenue in Cambridge. The Museum is a short walk from the Harvard Square MBTA station.*

**Hours:** 9 AM to 5 PM, 7 days a week. The Museum is closed on Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day. Admission is \$9.00 for adults, \$7.00 for students and seniors, \$6.00 for children, 3–18. Free with Harvard ID or Museum membership. The Museum is free to everyone Sundays, 9 AM to noon, year round, and Wednesdays from 3 PM to 5 PM (September to May). Admission includes admission to the Harvard Museum of Natural History. The Peabody Museum participates in the City Pass and WGBH programs. For more information call (617) 496-1027 or go online to: [www.peabody.harvard.edu](http://www.peabody.harvard.edu).

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