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Juan Pimentel to Speak at Malaspina University College

We are delighted to announce that, through the auspices of AMRC, Juan Pimentel will give a free public lecture at Malaspina University College on Tuesday March 7.

Dr. Pimentel, of the History of Science Department of the History Institute of the Interministerial Commission for Science and Technology in Madrid, is the foremost authority on the political thought of Malaspina, and edited the standard text of the navigator's *Axiomas políticos sobre la América*. Among many scholarly publications, his *La física de la monarquía, Ciencia y política en el pensamiento de Alejandro Malaspina* [*The Physics of Monarchy: Science and Politics in the Thought of Alejandro Malaspina*] (1754-

1810) stands out as a comprehensive analysis of the expansive character of Malaspina's thought.

Dr. Pimentel's lecture, entitled *Alejandro Malaspina: an Enlightenment Traveller in Search of Humanity*, will be repeated, as the *Malaspina Lecture*, at Simon Fraser University later in the same week. His visit to British Columbia is sponsored by AMRC, the Vancouver Spanish Pacific Historical Society and the Spanish Embassy.

The talk begins at 7 pm in Building 355, Room 203 on the Nanaimo campus. For details call the AMRC at (250) 740-6495.

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Personnel News

Assistant Director **Russell McNeil** retired from the University College on December 31, but remains with the AMRC after being appointed an Honorary Research Associate. This will afford him the resources to complete, with Dr. William Weller, the translation of *Theses ex Physica Generali* by Alexandro Malaspina.

After playing an extremely valuable rôle in organising the opening of the AMRC office during the summer,



Tonja Henigman has rejoined the Centre as Research Assistant, to produce a full catalogue of our books, images and other holdings. The work on this database is now nearing completion.

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