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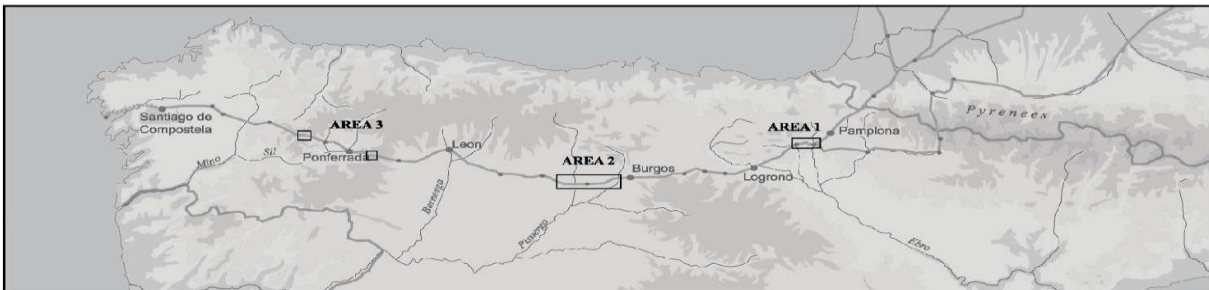
12:30 – 2:00 pm, lunch available at noon,

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Santiago de Compostela pilgrimage route in Northern Spain



Neo-Catholicism, Pilgrimage, and the Politics of Religion in Modern Spain

Sasha Pack, UB History

Sasha Pack will examine the revival of the medieval pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela, in Spanish Galicia, in the late nineteenth and twentieth centuries in the political, cultural, and economic context of the period. Although the Spanish Church was forbidden from direct participation in dynastic politics by the Papal bull *Non expedit*, a young generation of Catholic militants discovered in pilgrimage a new form of mobilization suited to the emerging new mass politics. Over the next several decades, sites of religious tourism in general would become major rallying points for Catholic protest and what was probably the most important Christian neo-traditionalist politico-religious movement of the modern period.

Sasha D. Pack is Assistant Professor of History at UB, where he teaches courses in modern European and World History. His scholarly interests include the modern Mediterranean world, modern Spanish politics, comparative fascism and authoritarianism, and the history of travel and tourism. His first book, *Tourism and Dictatorship: Europe's Peaceful Invasion of Franco's Spain* (Palgrave, 2006), won the "Best First Book, 2004-2006" Prize from the Society of Spanish and Portuguese Historical Studies.