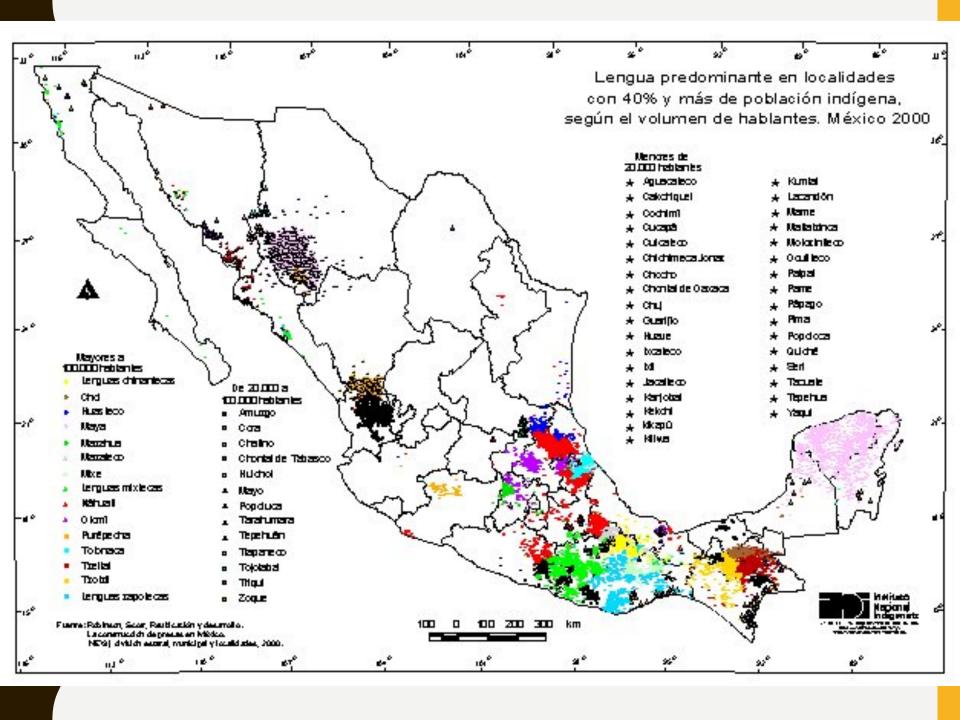
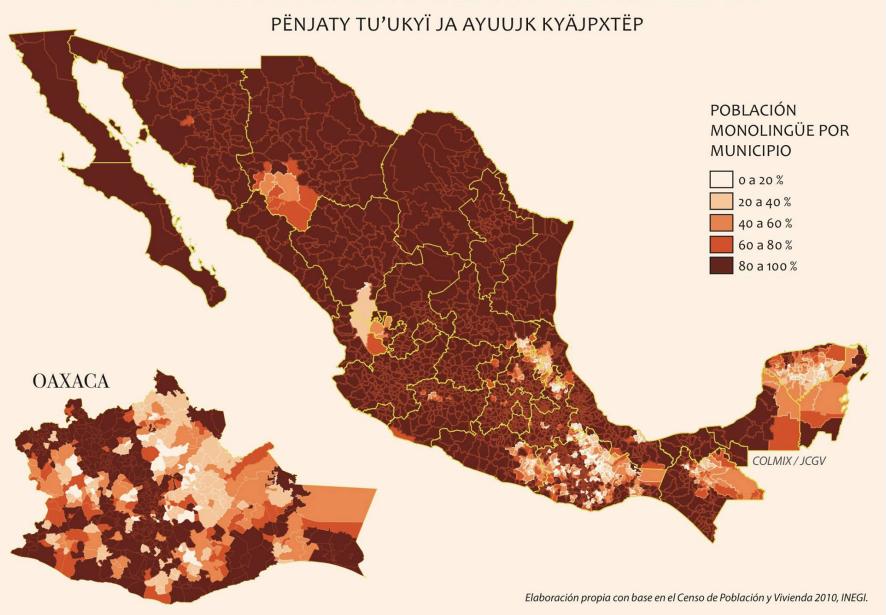
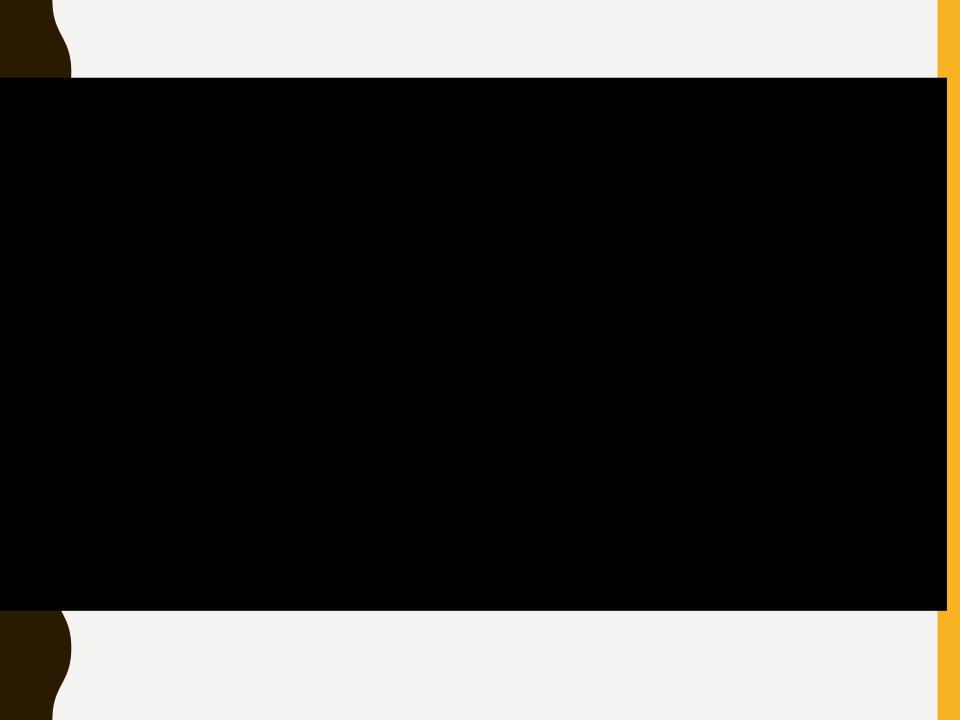
Contemporary Indigenous Music: An opportunity for revitalization?

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Hamac Caziim - Divine Fire

(Comcáac – Seri language)



Hamac Caziim in context

- Seri singing canon themes, aesthetics, performance
- Comcáac rennaisance (1990s) Land rights struggles, research collaborations, education projects, community authorities
- "Indigenista" policies fragmented governmentality
- Recreating the traditional songbook & the birth of "Seri metal"
- HC legacy: Xeecoj (Wolf), Zara Monrroy & Sö Zaah (Sun Light)
 - Xepe An Cöicoos Festival

Vayijel – Guardian Spirit (Bats'i k'op – Tsotsil language)



Vayijel in context

- The "long lost" songbook of the Tsotsil Maya
- The 1994's Zapatista rebellion: intercultural encounters of sound politics
- Finding your own voice: the multiple iterations of the Jaguar Song (Bolomchon)
- The State's shadow: negotiating the stage & the market

Mayan Poetry

(Maaya t'aan - Yukatek Maya language)

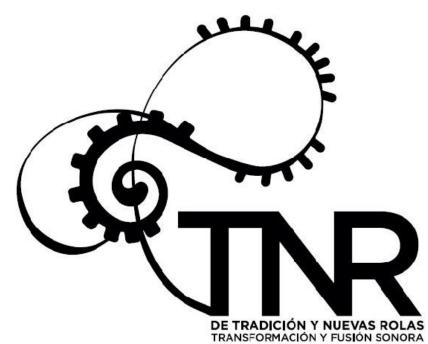


Mayan Poetry in context

- A World Apart? Yucatecan cultural politics and Maya (mis)appropriations
- "Philanthropic ogres" & the birth of the Pan-Yucatec Maya movement (1980s)
- A bad romance? State sponsorship & neo-folklorism
- Bóoboj Chi' Young Maya rappers take over the stage (& the internet)



















An opportunity for revitalization?

- Mexico: An ambiguous, language-killing State (Estado linguicida)
- "Managing the Other": nationalism & Indigenous cultural (mis)appropriation
- CIM: racismo & corporatism
- Linguistic rights: Political rights?
- Mass media & the pressing demands of Indigenous peoples

What we need to know / do?

- Understanding language dynamics & ideologies
- Community responses: How do we measure the impact of CIM?
- Understanding song & language aesthetics?
- What do we do with purism / loanwords?
- What do we do with Indigenous identities, the government & the media?