In this presentation, Terrazas y Basante will address the following questions:

- What driving issues are at the beginning of Mexican-American relations?
- What was the source of the most intense conflicts between the two governments during the first fifty years of their relationship (years that were critical in the formation of the national states of both the United States and Mexico)?
- What was the relevance of territory and territorialization, demography, the ability to occupy the land, and different conceptions of territory in U.S.-Mexico relations at this stage? What about the role of Indians?

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