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The Eyes of the Beholders: Spanish and Central European Visions of the Christ of Limpias, 1919-1936

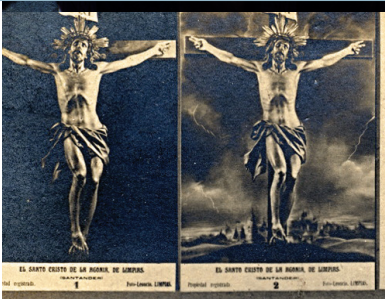
Monday, April 28 / 4:00 p.m. / Free and Followed by Reception
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Starting in 1919, hundreds of thousands of pilgrims went to the parish church of Limpias, in northern Spain, where it was said that the crucifix could be seen to move. On the order of one in fifteen pilgrims said they saw it come to life in some way. Using their written testimony, one can examine what kinds of people reported what kinds of movement and how the visions as a whole evolved over time.

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