

Nanopublication – How looted Mesoamerican artifacts were laundered into art for LA museums

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This is a book review about colonial-era looting, illegal trafficking, forgery fraud, and the market reclassification of Mesoamerican artifacts into 'art' – a history of theft, provenance deception, and institutional complicity that the ideamorphism framework (built to describe honest emitter-receiver creative transmission via codex and diffraction) has no vocabulary for; forcing its terms onto looting or forgery would mistake deception about an object's origin for the framework's account of creative reception.

DECLINED – NO-PURCHASE [1]

PROPOSITIONAL GRID [2]

Read this grid. “Not evaluated” does **not** mean the source has nothing to say about that proposition. It means **the reading did not instruct it**. That is not a result, and it counts in no denominator. A silence, by contrast, is a finding: the reading touched the proposition without concluding, or noted its absence itself.

Not evaluated (37) – P1, P2, P3, P3a, P4, P5, P6, P7, P8, P9, P10, P11, P12, P13, P14, P14a, P14b, P15, P16, P16a, P17, P18, P18a, P19, P19a, P20, P21, P22, P23, P24, P25, P26, P27, P28, P29, P30, P31

Overall verdict: DECLINED:no-purchase – taxonomy of the August 2026 pass, predating the move to relational verdicts. Kept as metadata: the gap between the two forms is data, not residue. This reading’s judgement is in the grid above.

Reading of 2026-10-13 · model claude-sonnet-5 · source 4,201 chars · 1 attempt(s)

REFERENCES

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EPISTEMIC PROFILE

Claim type	boundary reading
Voice	third person analysis
Epistemic status	no purchase
Methodology	Boundary-finding lens applied to one source, model claude-sonnet-5, 1 attempt(s), traceability check passed.

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