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TUESDAY 25th **ECOOO**

WEDNESDAY 26th **ECOOO**

THURSDAY 27th **TEATRO DEL BARRIO**

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ATADO Y BIEN ATADO

The end of dictatorships in southern Europe: a comparative dialogue on Greece, Spain and Portugal

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The years 1974-1975 were decisive for Southern Europe. Within a short period, the dictatorships in Portugal, Greece, and Spain collapsed, paving the way for democracy. Yet the paths of transition, from revolution and rupture to negotiation and compromise, were profoundly different, shaping each country's political culture and collective memory in distinct ways.

Building on the comparative dialogue that began last year in Athens, the Contemporary Social History Archives (ASKI) from Greece, MIRCo-UAM and the Rosa Luxemburg Foundation offices in Athens and Madrid are organizing the international workshop "Atado y Bien Atado. The End of Dictatorships in Southern Europe" (Madrid, 25–27 November 2025).

The event is part of the cultural initiative "¿Atado y Bien Atado?, a collective project addressing the "amnesia of impunity" surrounding Spain's democratic transition". The initiative brings together Verso Books, AmautaCoop, turba! comunicación, the Rosa Luxemburg Foundation, Viento Sur, and MIRCo-UAM, in collaboration with Teatro del Barrio and Sala Mirador, supported by the Comisionado para los 50 años en Libertad.

The workshop will bring together historians, researchers, and activists to examine the resistance movements that challenged authoritarianism, the democratization processes that followed and the ongoing struggles over memory, justice and accountability. It will also open a dialogue with Latin American experiences, exploring how Chile and Argentina confronted repression and torture, and how museums, archives, and digital history projects continue to nurture democratic culture and collective remembrance.

Structured around key questions, the discussions will reflect on dictatorship and democracy in Southern Europe from a comparative historiographical and political perspective, highlighting the power of collective action in shaping democratic change and addressing the challenges facing democracy today, fifty years after the fall of the dictatorships.

Tuesday 25 · 18:00

INTRODUCTION AND WELCOMING

Amelia Martínez-Lobo

Rosa Luxemburg Foundation, Madrid

Luisa Martín Rojo

Professor of Linguistics, MIRCo UAM

Miguel Urbán

Former Member of the European Parliament (THE LEFT)

Vangelis Karamanolakis

Contemporary Social History Archives - ASKI
(Greece)

**ANNIVERSARIES OF CHANGE:
DEMOCRACY IN SOUTHERN
EUROPE AT 50 YEARS**

Manos Avgeridis

Director, Contemporary Social History Archives -
ASKI (Greece)

Raquel Varela

Historian, Professor at FCSH-NOVA University
of Lisbon

Xosé Manuel Beiras

Historic leader of Galician nationalism

Carme Bernat

Historian and researcher. Arada project,
Feminismes i Memòria group

Moderation:

Perico Ibarra

Emeritus Professor of Political Science, UPV-EHU
President of Betiko Foundation



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Madrid**

Wednesday 26 · 11:00

INSTITUTIONAL GREETING

Carmina Gustrán Loscos

Commissioner for the Commemoration of 50 Years
of Spain in Freedom

Boris Kanzleiter

Director of Rosa Luxemburg Foundation, Athens

Carmen Rodríguez López

Delegate of the Dean for Internationalization, UAM

PATHWAYS TO DEMOCRACY: PROTEST, REPRESSION, AND RESISTANCE

Polymeris Voglis

Professor of Social History, University of Thessaly
*Emotional Politics: Political Graffitis during the
Polytechnic School Uprising, November 1973*

Guya Accornero

Associate professor, University Institute of Lisbon
Activist trajectories in and beyond revolutions

Magdalini Fytili

Postdoctoral investigator Ramón y Cajal, UCM
*From the Margins to the Centre: Maternal Activism
and the Feminist Transformation of the Spanish
Transition*

Irene Martín

Associate Professor, UAM

*A Comparison of Public Opinion on the Conflicts
of the Recent Past in Spain and Greece*

Co-author Magdalini Fytili

Moderation:

Marga Ferré

Co-President Transform! Europe



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**RUPTURE OR CONSENSUS IN THE
NARRATIVES OF DEMOCRATIC
TRANSITIONS IN SOUTHERN EUROPE**

Kostis Kornetis

Commissioner for 50 Years of Spain in Freedom
and Professor of Contemporary History,
Autonomous University of Madrid

*Rethinking Southern Europe's Democratic Turn:
Periodization, Protest and Memory*

Kostis Karpozilos

Assistant Professor, Panteion University, Greece
*Re-entering the nation: the Greek Left in the
politics of transition*

Raquel Varela

Historian, Professor at FCSH-NOVA University
of Lisbon

*History of the Iberian Counter-Revolution: From
November 25, 1975 to the Moncloa Pacts in 1978*

Xavier Domènech

Historian and professor at the CEDIB – UAB and
member of Center for Studies about democracies
and Dictatorships

Myths and Realities of the Spanish Transition

Moderation:

Luisa Martín Rojo

Professor of Linguistics, Research Center on
Multilingualism, Discourse and Communication
MIRCo-UAM



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THE THIRD WAVE: STATE LEGACIES, RUPTURES AND CONTINUITIES

Vangelis Karamanolakis

Professor of Modern and Contemporary History,
University of Athens; Chairman of the BoD, ASKI,
Greece

*'Difficult legacies' and Their Management: the
Security Police files in Post-Dictatorship Greece*

Mayki Gorosito

Former Executive Director, ESMA Memory Site
Museum, Argentina

*Public Memory Policies in Argentina: Ten Years
Since the Creation of the ESMA Memory Site
Museum as an Essential Tool for Democracy*

Claudia Marchant

Member of Londres 38, Memory Space, Chile
*Perspectives from Londres 38 on the Struggles
Over Memory in Post-Dictatorship Chile,
Particularly During the 2019 Uprising*

Jaime Pastor

Political Scientist, Board Member Viento Sur
Democratization vs. Authoritarianism

Diego Palacios

Ramón y Cajal Research Fellow and Professor, UCM
*Police Change in Spain: Speeding Up Without
Looking Back*

Moderation:

Carolina Espinoza

Professor in the Department of Social Anthropology,
UNED (National Distance Education University, Spain),
Journalist and Researcher on the Transitional
Processes in Chile and Spain and exile in both
countries.



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Thursday 27 · 12:00

**REFRAMING THE PAST:
MUSEUMS AND DIGITAL HISTORY**

Adrian Shubert

University Professor of History Emeritus, York University

Why is the First Museum About the Spanish Civil War in Canada?

Mayki Gorosito

Former Executive Director ESMA,
Memory Site Museum, Argentina

*Argentine Memory for the World. Heritage of
"Never Again": The ESMA Memory Site Museum*

Stathis Pavlopoulos

Historian, Scientific Coordinator ASKI, Greece
*Resistance, Solidarity, and Democracy: Tracing
Analog Struggles Through Digital Narratives*

Aida Rechená

Museologist, Director of the National Museum of
Resistance and Freedom, Portugal
*The National Museum of Resistance and Freedom:
A Contribution to Democracy?*

Héctor Grad

Professor of Social Anthropology, Research Center
on Multilingualism, Discourse, and Communication
(MIRCo), UAM

*Citizen science: A Strategy for the Construction
of Democratic Memory*

Moderation:

Jesús Izquierdo Martín

Full Professor of Contemporary History, Autonomous
University of Madrid; President of the Spanish
Association for Public History.



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