

The Sociology Department

Presents

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“Forgetting and Remembering the Spanish Civil War”

Spanish society decided to forget its troubled past (1936-1956), including the francoist dictatorship (1936-1975), during its transition to democracy (1975-1982). In the 90's that terrible past of massacres and holocaust in the time of fascisms emerged from the soundless memory of participants, with a strong role played by victims' grandchildren. The historical project “Names and Voices” (www.nomesevoces.net) is developing a database to explore the extent of persecutions in Galicia. From this research we have some provisional conclusions I will present. The known pattern of Victims and Executioners shows us why even today it is still an Uncomfortable Past, but we also have found a less in-humanitarian society than francoist and antifrancoist political memory led us to expect.

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