Refugees and Exile: Commemorating the 80th Anniversary of the End of the Spanish Civil War

On 27 and 28 March 2019, the University of Leeds will host a conference on exile and repression in the twentieth century. The event is timed to commemorate the eightieth anniversary of the end of the Spanish Civil War and will have a specific focus on Spaniards in exile after the conflict. The final part of the first day of the conference will feature Postgraduate Researchers and Early Career Researchers working on Spanish exile after the civil war, while the second day

27 March, 11-14 Blenheim Terrace (Room 1.17)

12:00-14:00: Hispanic Exiles in the UK


Eva Niteo McAvoy (Open University): 'Republican Exiles in London'

Maria Vasquez-Aguilar (University of Sheffield): 'Exiles in Action: Political activism amongst the Chilean Refugees in the UK, 1973-2013'

15:00-17:00: Spanish Exiles in Europe after the Civil War

Diego Gaspar (University of Zaragoza): 'Spanish Exiles and Transnational Soldiers. From the French Internment Camps to the Free French Forces'

Alba Martinez (University of Granada): 'Becoming a woman refugee. Gender and identity during Spanish exile in France'

Olga Gondy (Complutense University of Madrid): 'The Transatlantic Left and the Anti-Franco Struggle: Cold War Polemics in the 1961 Amnesty Campaign'

Luiza Iordache (International University of Catalonia): 'Gulag voices: the Spanish republicans in the Soviet forced labour camps'

17:30-18:30, Keynote: Luis Monferrer Catalán, 'Republican Exile in the United Kingdom' (full title TBC)

28 March, Parkinson Building (Room 1.08)

12:00-14:00: Roundtable Discussion: Refugees and Exile, 'Everything changes, but nothing changes at all'

15:00-17:30: The Aftermath and Legacy of the Spanish Civil War

Scott Soo (University of Southampton), 'Reflections on "collective memory": the Spanish Republicans and the Second World War in France'

Richard Baxell (International Brigade Memorial Trust and LSE), 'Changing the fronts and the weapons: the legacy of the British in the International Brigades'

Mercedes Yusta (Universiti París): 'Exile as a transnational political space for women: the case of the Union de Mujeres Españolas'

Simón Martínez (Basque Children of ’37 Association), 'The Basque Children'