

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

Spain – Portugal Year. 50th Anniversary of the Carnation Revolution

THE
**transition
processes**
IN 20TH CENTURY EUROPE
ACHIEVING AND SUSTAINING
DEMOCRACY



**8TH AND 9TH,
OCTOBER 2024**

National Archive
of Torre do Tombo, Lisbon

Organizes:





In the moments just after midnight on April 25, 1974, Rádio Renascença played “Grândola, Vila Morena”, a song banned by Salazar’s regime. This was the signal for the Armed Forces Movement to end Portugal’s long dictatorship. What was initially planned as a coup d’état turned into a military uprising due to the minimal resistance from the regime’s supporters. A few months later, in July 1974, the Greek military Junta relinquished power, and following General Francisco Franco’s death in November 1975, Spain began its transition to democracy. Thus marked the decline of three southern European dictatorships, closing a lengthy chapter of fascist remnants and leading to a substantial increase in democracies worldwide.

Meanwhile, the revolutions that swept across Central and Eastern Europe culminated in the fall of 1989, rapidly toppling the Soviet-aligned totalitarian states within months. The upheaval began in Poland and was followed by peaceful uprisings in Czechoslovakia, Hungary, East Germany, and Bulgaria, while Romania violently overthrew its dictator. In the years that followed, these revolutions led to the dissolution of the Soviet Union, Yugoslavia, and Czechoslovakia.

The International Conference will examine, among other aspects, the mechanisms by which these regimes were dismantled and transitioned to democracy, the crucial role of civil society in these achievements, the creation of new identities and political landscapes, the accountability for human rights violations, and the strategies learned and applicable in combating current totalitarian trends in Europe ●

TUESDAY, OCTOBER, 8

● 09:30 h.

OPENING CEREMONY

MINISTRY OF CULTURE

JUAN FERNÁNDEZ TRIGO

Spanish Ambassador to Portugal.

FERNANDO MARTÍNEZ LÓPEZ

State Secretary of Democratic Memory, Spain.

● 10:00 h.

DR. MARIA INÁCIA REZOLA

Executive Commissioner of the 50 Years 25 April Commemorative Commission. Contemporary History Institute. Universidade Nova de Lisboa.

● 10:45 h.

COFFEE BREAK

● 11:30 h.

PROF. DR. RAFAEL QUIROSA-CHEYROUZE Y MUÑOZ

Universidad de Almería.

● 12:15 h.

DR. KOSTIS KORNETIS

Universidad Autónoma Madrid.

● 13:00 h.

LUNCH

● 14:30 h.

ROUNDTABLE
PORTUGAL. GREECE. SPAIN

MODERATOR: Silvestre Lacerda

Director of DGLAB National Archive of Torre do Tombo.

DR. MANUEL LOFF

Universidade do Porto.

DR. GUYA ACCORNERO

Universidade de Lisboa.

PROF. DR. MONTSERRAT HUGUET SANTOS

Universidad Carlos III Madrid.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER, 9

● 09:30 h.

ROUNDTABLE
POLAND, HUNGARY AND THE VELVET REVOLUTION

MODERATOR: Dr. Almudena Cruz Yábar

Spanish Deputy Director for Promotion of Democratic Memory.

DR. MICHAŁ SIERMIŃSKI

Institute for the History of Science of the Polish Academy of Sciences.

DR. ANDRÁS LÉNÁRT

Holocaust Memorial Centre, Budapest.

DR. ONDŘEJ KLÍPA

Karlova University, Prague.

● 10:30 h.

**ROUNDTABLE
THE FALL OF THE WALL**

MODERATOR: Amélie zu Eulenburg

Bundesstiftung Aufarbeitung der SED-Diktatur.

DR. JENNY BAUMANN

Bundesstiftung Aufarbeitung der SED-Diktatur.

PROF. DR. AXEL KLAUSMEIER

Director of the Stiftung Berliner Mauer.

● 11:30 h.

COFFEE BREAK

● 12:15 h.

**ROUNDTABLE
CIVIL SOCIETY IN BULGARIA AND ROMANIA**

MODERATOR: Dr. Habilitation Claudia-Florentina Dobre

Nicolae Iorga Institute of History and Centre for Memory and Identity Studies, Bucharest.

PROF. MOMCHIL METODIEV

New University of Bulgaria. Director of the Institute of Recent Past, Sofia.

PROF. RICARDO MARTÍN DE LA GUARDIA

Universidad de Valladolid.

● 13:15 h.

LUNCH

● **14:30 h.**

ROUNDTABLE
THE DISSOLUTION OF YUGOSLAVIA

MODERATOR: Dr. Stefan Radojković
Institute for Political Studies, Belgrade.

AMBASSADOR JOVAN TEGOVSKI
President of the Diplomatic Club, Skopje, North Macedonia.

PROF. DR. ALEKSANDAR JAKIR
University of Split.

PROF. DR. GORAN LATINVIĆ
University of Banja Luka.

DR. MILAN GULIĆ
Institute for Contemporary History, Belgrade.

DR. FARIS KOČAN
University of Ljubljana.

DR. SEAD TURCALO
University of Sarajevo.

NIKOLA ZEČEVIĆ
Institute of Advanced Studies, University of Montenegro.

● **15:30 h.**

CONCERT: MANUEL GERENA

● 16:00 h.

CLOSING WORDS

ZORAIDA HIJOSA VALDIZÁN

Director General of Victim Support and Promotion of Democratic Memory.

● 18:00 h.

OPENING OF THE EXHIBITION

«PORTUGAL-SPAIN: 50 YEARS OF DEMOCRACY»

