

The mobilisation against the deployment of US Pershing and Cruise Missile atomic warheads in the wake of the NATO Dual Track Solution in 1979 was a watershed moment in the recent political history of Western Europe. The anti-nuclear protests of the 1980s activated civil society, renegotiated the parameters of political participation and redefined the understanding of international and domestic security. The contours and implications of the 1980s anti-nuclear protests are well researched for key western European countries. Developments in southern Europe, however, have not yet been substantially studied. The aim of this conference is to analyse anti-nuclear and anti-militarist peace protests in southern European countries during the late 1970s and 1980s. The focus will be on Greece, Spain and Italy, three countries that were involved in the 1980s mobilisation cycle in different ways. Italy had been selected for the deployment of Pershing missiles and was thus a key battleground of conflicts over the Dual Track Decision. But the country had also seen a wave of left and right-wing terrorism during the 1970s and a concomitant crisis of parliamentary democracy. Spain and Greece had just returned to parliamentary democracy from military dictatorship in 1975 and 1974, respectively. They were not directly involved in the conflict over the Dual Track Decision, but experienced intensive protests against the presence of US military bases or against NATO membership more generally. Thus, all three countries were involved in conflicts over security that entailed a complex renegotiation of democratic practices in the widest sense.

Fig.: Mural made by the youth group (MCC) of the Moviment Comunista de Catalunya, Barcelona, 1987 (printed with permission of Foundation Salvador Seguí Madrid, Collection "Antimilitarism - Transition", Box 4).

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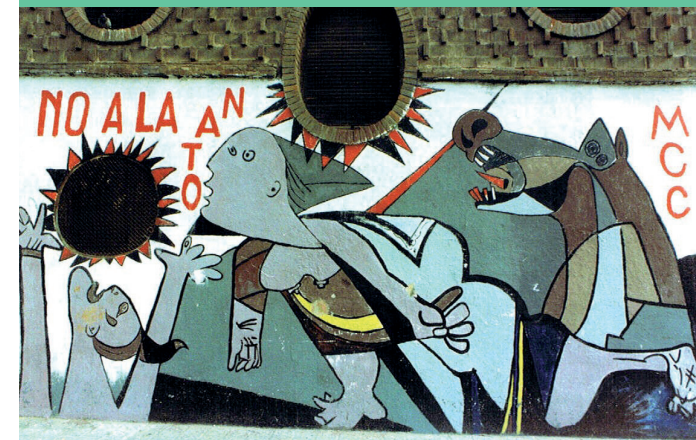
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Peace Movements and Democratic Culture in Southern Europe during the 1970s and 1980s



International conference
Rome, 14 – 16 February 2018

Wednesday, 14 February, 14.00–19.00

14.00 Martin Baumeister | Roma
Opening Address and Welcome

Martin Baumeister | Roma,
Benjamin Ziemann | Sheffield
Introduction into the Conference Topic

I - Forging Coalitions: Movements,
Parties and Institutional Actors

14.15 Emanuele Treglia | Madrid
- The Spanish Communists and the Peace Movement:
17.00 Mobilizations, Alliances and International Dimension
(1982–1986)

Eirini Karamouzi | Sheffield
The Greek Socialists and the Peace Movement
during the Euromissile Crisis

Valentine Lomellini | Padova
The Italian Peace Movement during the 1980s:
a Re-enactment of the Anti-fascist Alliance?

Commentator: Xosé M. Núñez Seixas |
Santiago de Compostela

17.30 *Keynote Lecture*

Federico Romero | Firenze
Southern Europe during the Last Decade of the
Cold War: Security Issues and Democratic Transition

Discussion and Drinks Reception

Thursday, 15 February, 9.30–18.15

II - Practicing and Gendering Participation

9.30 Efi Gkotzaridis | Athens
- Connecting Peace and Democracy in Greece:
11.30 From the End of the Civil War
to the End of the Dictatorship and Beyond

Montserrat Hugueta, Laura Branciforte | Madrid
Women Protesters in the Anti-nuclear Movements
in Spain and Italy

Commentator: Claudia Gatzka | Freiburg, Berlin

III - The Politics of Antimilitarism

12.30 Lucia Bonfreschi | Roma
- "Tutti gli eserciti sono neri":
15.15 The Italian Radical Party and its Anti-militarist
Campaigns in the 1970s and 1980s

Carlos Ángel Ordás | Barcelona
The Spanish Anti-conscription Movement, 1971–1989

Luis Velasco | Santiago de Compostela
Military Conscription and Conscientious Objection
in Spain: 1968–1982

Commentator: Till Kössler | Bochum

IV - Peace Movements between the National
Space and Transnational Entanglements

15.45 Kostis Kornetis | Madrid
- Resisting the War that Never Was: Cultural Expressions
18.15 of Protest in Greece against the Turkish Invasion of Cyprus

Angela Santese | Bologna
Between the National and Transnational Space of Protest:
the Italian Peace Movement and the Nationalization of
the Antinuclear Discourse

Luc-André Brunet | Milton Keynes
Peace Movements, Southern Europe,
and the Canadian Peace Initiative of 1983–84

Commentator: Susanne Schregel | Köln

Friday, 16 February, 9.15–14.30

V - Framing Peace: Symbols,
Rituals and Narratives

9.15 Giulia Quaggio | Sheffield
- Framing the Nuclear Fear.
12.00 The Iconography of Peace in Spain during the 1980s

Lodovica Clavarino | Roma
Edoardo Amaldi and the Role of Nuclear Physicists
in the Italian Antinuclear Peace Movement

Carl Antonius Lemke Duque | Bilbao
Jesuit Perspectives on Terrorism, Democracy
and Peace in the Basque Country (1978–1988)

Commentator: Vera Wolff | Zürich

Panel Debate and Final Discussion:
Southern Europe and the Politics of Peace
during the Cold War

13.00 Eirini Karamouzi | Sheffield
- Lutz Klinkhammer | Roma
14.30 Federico Romero | Firenze