

The Spanish Atlantic and Global Europe: Connections, Encounters, Entanglements in the Long 19th Century

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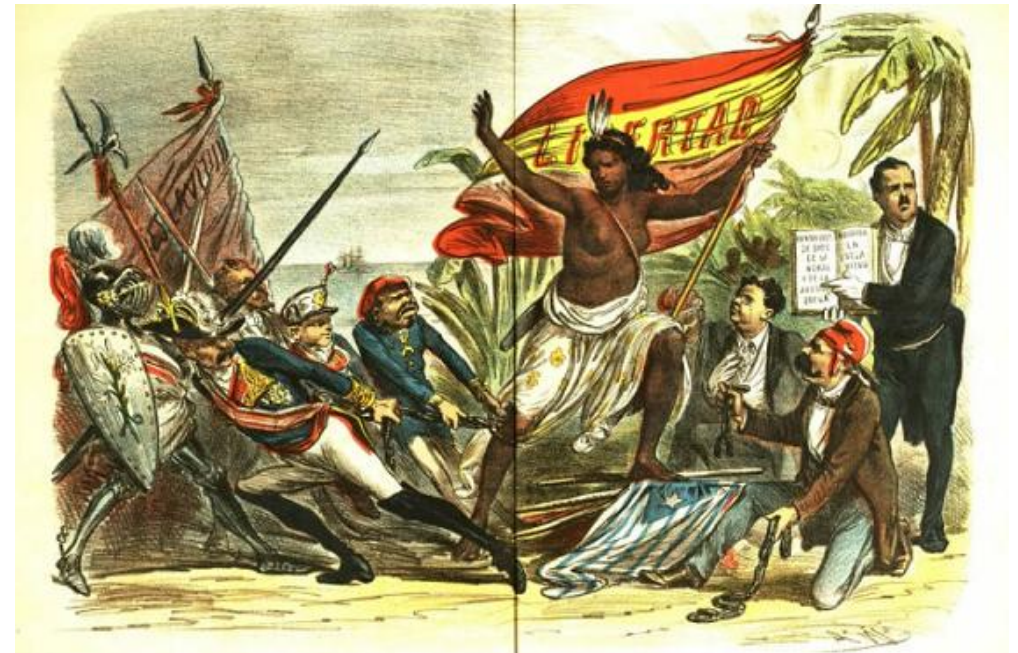
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In writing the history of the long nineteenth century, historians have traditionally concentrated on given macro-spaces reproducing present-day loci of power: China, India, the United States, and Europe. However, such a perspective neglects important regions and their significance for global history. In this regard, the absence of the Spanish Atlantic is most striking, especially since Spain and her Empire were both crucial for the first wave of globalization and embodied imperial decline in the course of the nineteenth century. Reflecting on Spain in her connections, encounters, and entanglements offers new insights into a global Europe in the long nineteenth century. This will bring together two strands of research in global history – i.e. Spanish Imperial history and European history in its global contexts – represented by researchers from the UPF and the IEG.

The proposed workshop will address three major aspects: First, the issue of sovereignty and the transition from empire to nation state, which especially affects Spain throughout the nineteenth century, from the loss of the American colonies in the 1820s to the final loss of Cuba, Puerto Rico, and the Philippines in 1898. Second, the many faces of colonial slavery in the Spanish Atlantic ranging from its revolutionary abolition on Saint Domingue to its maintenance in Cuba until the 1880s. Third, the formation of political cultures and the shaping of liberalism in the Atlantic highlighting the circulation of ideas and actors between Europe and the Americas.

This fresh perspective will contribute to understanding nineteenth-century Europe and the Spanish Atlantic as a more complex, interrelated space, with new connections, encounters of different actors, and manifold entanglements. This global history calls for globalizing Europe as such and take into account European realms beyond Great Britain, France, Germany, and the United States. Interrelating central and Eastern Europe with the Southern parts of the continent and their links to the Hispanic America and the Philippines will contribute to extend the picture of nineteenth-century European history in its global dimension. The workshop will question narratives of inner-centrism (such as Spain, Eastern Europe, Europe or Latin America) and bring together researchers working on a multi-related narrative for both nineteenth-century Europe and Spain. This exchange of thoughts and perspectives will help to identify the shortcomings of present research and give way for possible future collaboration between the UPF and the IEG.

Friday, 6 October

16:00 – 17:00 Introduction: Johannes Paulmann (IEG), Josep M. Fradera (UPF)

17:00 – 17:30 Coffee Break

17:30 – 19:15

Session 1: Global Revolutions and the Role of the Spanish Case

Sarah Panter (IEG), “Biographical Self-Staging in Transatlantic Exile: Coping Strategies for Shared European Experiences of Crisis after 1848/49”

Albert Garcia Balañà (UPF), “Racializing the Nation in Nineteenth-Century Spain: A Transatlantic Approach”

Gregor Feindt (IEG), “A Global Revolution: Haiti and the Polish Legion in Perspective”

Stephen Jacobson (UPF), “Lawyers and Revolution in the Spanish-Atlantic World, 1759-1823”

Discussant: Joan-Pau Rubiés (UPF)

21:00 Dinner

Saturday, 7 October

09:00 – 10:30

Session 2: Global Circulation of Goods and Institutions in the Hispanic World

Verónica Peña (UPF), “Food Politics and Ethnic Identity in the Mariana Islands during the Nineteenth Century”

Pol Dalmau (IEG), “Between Barcelona, Havana, and Calcutta: the Godó Family and the Global Nexus of Jute”

Jorge Luengo (UPF), “Entangled Constitutions, Connected Spaces: The Cadiz Constitution in Global Perspective”

Discussant: Ilaria Berti (UPO)

10:30 – 11:00 Coffee Break

11:00 – 12:30

Session 3: Abolitionism: Thinking the Global from the Hispanic Case

Fabian Klose (IEG), “International Abolition and the Western Question: An Entangled History”

Paola Revilla (EHESS), “Libertarian Republic and Slavery: Political Subterfuges, Uncertainty, and Precariousness within the New Labour Relations in Nineteenth-Century Bolivia”

Thomas Weller (IEG), “Consalvi, Castlereagh, and the Clapham Sect: The Declaration against Slave Trade at the Congress of Vienna and the Role of the Holy See”

Discussant: Karo Moret (UPF)

12:30 – 13:30

Final Discussion

Bartolomé Yun-Casalilla (UPO) and Jorge Luengo (UPF)