

Symposium: Memorias. Practices of Memory in Spain and Germany

Date: October, 26-29th 2025

Location: Madrid, Goethe-Institut

Programme

Sunday, 26 October | Day 1 (arrival day)

- 4:15 p.m. Meeting point: Goethe-Institut – calle Zurbarán 21
- 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Joint visit of *Peironcely 10* initiative
- 8:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Group Dinner at Vaquería Montañesa – calle Blanca de Navarra, 8

Monday, 27 October | Day 2

- 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Welcome and introduction by
Antonia Blau, director Goethe-Institut Madrid
Florian Zabransky, Advisor for Remembrance Culture, Bundeszentrale für politische Bildung
Almudena Cruz Yábar, General Deputy Director for Promotion of Memory at the Spanish Ministry of Democratic Memory
- 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Input by EuroClio Research Coordinator **Paula O'Donohoe**
- 11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Coffee Break
- 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Debate Room I: **Learning through Remembrance: New Paths for Exchange, Reflection and Memory Work**
Moderation: **Teresa Pinheiro**
1. Lena Hein: Shared history – interconnected memory: Spanish Civil War and Nazi resistance told differently
2. Denis Heuring: Memorial polyphony in museum programmes
3. Loreto Urraca: The Art of Disobedience
- 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Lunch break | Cafetería Berlín at the Goethe-Institut
- 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Debate Room II: **Embodied Memory: Artistic Expression and Historical Engagement**
Moderation: **Paula Santana**
1. Ana Lessing Menjibar: Artistic Approaches Related to Memory (Third Skin & Layers of Skin)
2. Art al Quadrat (Mónica y Gema Del Rey Jordà): Of Choirs, Dances and Dismemory. Places and Chants of reinterpretation
3. Nicolás Casas Pollmann: Fascism, violence and the war of the youth. Aesthetics as a means of change
4. Arno Gimber: Embodiment and negotiation: aesthetic approaches in German-Spanish memory theatre

3:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Coffee Break

7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. **Ethics of Truth: Media, Memory, and the Challenge of Disinformation**
Panel with input from media representatives
Marta Borraz (eldiario.es)
Sara Plaza (El Salto)
Tomás Rudich (Newtral)
moderated by **Carmina Gustrán**, curator of the programme *Spain in Liberty. 50 years*

with simultaneous interpretation Spanish ↔ German and joint catering for dinner

Tuesday, 28 October | Day 3

9:00 a.m. Meeting point Goethe-Institut, excursion to Valle de Cuelgamuros

10:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m. Visit of the Memorial Site accompanied by **Marije Hristova**, researcher and expert in Memory Studies

12:00 p.m. – 12:30 p.m. Drive to the Restaurant Los Lanceros in El Escorial

12:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Debate Rooms III & IV and lunch:
Contested Sites: Navigating Memory, Spaces and Places I:
Moderation: **Antonia Blau**

- 1. Teresa Pinheiro:** Urban Sites, Democratic Sights: The Second Spanish Republic in Madrid's Memoryscape after Franco
- 2. Manuel Gago:** The Reinterpretation of the Valle de Cuelgamuros: A Feasible Project?
- 3. Sebastian Sakautzki:** From a prisoner-of-war camp to a place of learning: the Trutzhain Memorial and Museum and the challenges of memorial work within a residential area
- 4. Franziska Schmidt:** The Redesign of the Hadamar Memorial Site

Contested Sites: Navigating Memory, Spaces and Places II:
Moderation: **Florian Zabransky**

- 1. Raúl F. San Miguel:** Stolpersteine Voices-Living memories in an immersive and participatory sound experience
- 2. Stefanie Thalheim:** Building against Forgetting: A SS Residence Becomes a Place of Education

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Public evening event: **Shared Pasts, Shared Futures - Memory and Responsibility in Contemporary Spain and Germany**

Welcome

Antonia Blau, director Goethe-Institut Madrid

Introduction

“Public policies on memory. The Law for Democratic Memory”

Fernando Martínez López, Secretary of State for Democratic Memory

Panel discussion

Dolores Delgado, Senior Public Prosecutor for Human Rights and Democratic Memory

Elke Gryglewski, Director Memorial Site Bergen-Belsen

moderated by **Fernando Vallespín**, political scientist
with simultaneous interpretation Spanish ↔ German

9:00 p.m.

Drinks reception for all guests

Wednesday, 29 October | Day 4 (departure day)

10:00 a.m. -11:30 a.m.

Debate Room V: **Shaping Memory Culture: Biographical and Pedagogical Forms of Remembrance**

Moderation: **Dorothee Weitbrecht**

1. Ángeles Montalvo Chaves: Memory in families across generations

2. Carmen Bisotti: Memory Work through the Example of the Educational Project Geschichtomat in Hamburg

3. Paula Santana: Art as Echo: Young Voices and Artistic Formats of Remembrance at the Sachsenhausen Memorial Site

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Final discussion and feedback

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Lunch | Cafetería Berlín at the Goethe-Institut

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