



INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS “THE SPANISH CIVIL WAR (1936-1939), 80 YEARS LATER”.

Albacete (Spain), October 29-30, 2018.

First Announcement (October 29, 2017): Convocation of the Congress

OBJECTIVES:

The Spanish Civil War was officially over on April 1st, 1939. On the verge of the eightieth anniversary of the end of the conflict, the *Centro de Estudios y Documentación de las Brigadas Internacionales* (CEDOBI, Centre for Research and Documentation of the International Brigades), a joint research centre of the University of Castilla-La Mancha and the *Instituto de Estudios Albacetenses* (CSIC), based in Albacete, organise this Congress in commemoration of the **80th anniversary of the farewell of the International Brigades**. On October 29, 1938, Juan Negrín, president of the Council of Ministers of the Second Spanish Republic, delivered the speech "Salud, amigos de España", which closed the events in honour and farewell of the *brigadistas*. Brigade members had come from many parts of the world to fight for the Republic and they had their base of organization and training in Albacete. The main objective of this scientific meeting is to analyse the new perspectives and scientific contributions on the Spanish war, in order to contribute to its explanation, as the 80th anniversary of its end will be soon celebrated.

OFFICIAL SESSIONS AND RESEARCH LINES:

The main lines of research to be addressed during official sessions will be:

- . A. INTERNATIONAL DIMENSION OF WAR. Military aid and international intervention. The International Brigades. The foreign volunteers of the Francoist bloc. Influence of the Spanish war on national politics and international relations. The role of the Spanish Civil War in the European revolutionary and counterrevolutionary imaginary.
- . B. SOLIDARITY, HUMANITARIANISM AND PACIFISM. Political, economic and humanitarian aid. Refugees and displaced from the war. Community self-management strategies and resistance movements to confront war.
- . C. CULTURE AND EDUCATION. Cultural action and mobilization of the world of culture. Intellectuals before the war. The influence of war on culture. Impact of culture on politics. Cultural publications. Teaching and education policy in turbulent times.
- . D. PROPAGANDA. Propaganda action. Monitoring the war abroad. The role of the media. War reporters. The art of propaganda.
- . E. BATTLE PIECES. Experience of warfare from below. The figure of the combatant. War mobilization and its social implications. Political socialization of combatants. The evolution of war violence and occupation policies based on the development of the conflict. Transformation of the way of making war. Relations between front and rear.
- . F. VIOLENCES OF THE WAR. Long-range fractures generated by violence. Occupation policies. Treatment of prisoners of war. Nature and definition of violence and repression (genocide, genocidal practice, fascist violence, revolutionary violence). Contours of the concept of civil war.
- . G. DAILY LIFE. Life in the rearguard. Living in the front. The war economy. The transports in the rear. The family nucleus and the struggle for survival. Protagonism and protection of childhood.

. H. WOMAN AND WAR. Women and the new gender models created on both sides. Militias and phalangists, peasants and workers. Women at work and in the political direction of war.

. I. THE END OF THE WAR, THE TRANSITION TO THE NEW REGIME AND THE CONSEQUENCES OF THE CONFLICT. The last months of the military and political conflict. The agony of the Republican regime. Managing the memory of the conflict in legitimising the new State. The role of the Army on the construction of the Francoist State.

. J. REMEMBERING AND RECREATING THE WAR. New spaces and new proposals for its interpretation at present. Didactics and teaching of the Civil War. Vestiges, heritage and archaeology of the war. New sources and latest technologies.

. K. THE CIVIL WAR IN CASTILLA-LA MANCHA. Main novelties on the study of the war in the territory of Castilla-La Mancha.

PAPERS:

We call upon the scientific and academic community to participate in the Congress with their presence in the official sessions and with their contributions, through talks focused on publicizing the studies and research they are carrying out. Papers can be presented to any of the official sessions (A/K), although it is possible to present papers that are not directly related to the previous lines of research, but which due to their methodological novelty and special relevance can be accepted in the official sessions, as long as they refer to the theme of the congress.

For the selection of the papers that will be presented at the Congress and subsequently published, we accept abstracts between 400 to 600 words, which will include objectives, content and sources. The Scientific Committee, in charge of the selection, will fundamentally value the originality, rigour, methodology and sources of research. In local studies, it will be assessed that its objective transcends local history to connect it with a more general interpretation and the use of the comparative method. An attempt will be made to achieve a balanced number of papers per session. Papers can be presented in Spanish, English, French, Italian and Portuguese. The registration fee for participants will be established when the registration period for the congress is opened.

Before the abstract, name and title of the author(s) will be included, as well as organization(s), job category, postal address, contact telephone number, e-mail address and official session to which the paper is presented (A/K). Papers that are not included in any of the previous sessions will be identified with letter V. After the abstract, a brief *curriculum vitae* of no more than one page will be included specifying, *inter alia*, the main publications related to the subject. The name of the Word file will be the author's first surname preceded by the letter of the official session (example: A-López).

Proposals for papers will be sent by e-mail to the following address: congreso.cedobi@uclm.es

Once the Congress is over, the Organizing Committee of the Congress, at the proposal of the Scientific Committee, reserves the right to exclude from publication the definitive papers presented due to lack of rigour and scientific or editorial quality, even if they have passed the procedures of selection and presentation.

CONGRESS INFORMATION:

From the First Announcement, the official channel of information about the Congress will be the CEDOBI website: <http://www.brigadasinternacionales.uclm.es/>

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PROGRAMME:

The final programme of the Congress will be published before the end of June 2018. The Organizing Committee reserves the right to reduce, modify or extend the formal sessions proposed in this first announcement for organizational reasons.

ORGANIZATION:

The Congress is organised by the *Centro de Estudios y Documentación de las Brigadas Internacionales* (CEDOBI) and the International Network of Studies on the Spanish Civil War (INSCIWar). Its Organizing Committee and Scientific Committee will be published on the website.

SCHEDULED DATES:

- **November 16, 2017:** opening of the deadline for submission of abstracts with the proposal of presentation (between 400 and 600 words).
- **April 30, 2018:** deadline for submission of abstracts (between 400 and 600 words) with the paper proposal.
- **May 30, 2018:** deadline for acceptance of selected papers and submission of the rules of presentation and edition for their publication (about 8,000-10,000 words, notes included).
- **June 30, 2018:** publication of the final programme of the Congress.
- **October 1, 2018:** definitive reception of the text of the selected papers to be presented at the Congress sessions. The non-remission in this period is cause for exclusion in the presentation and publication. After the Congress, the organisation may open a short period of time for minor changes that may arise as a result of the sessions and discussions.
- **October 29 and 30, 2018:** celebration of the Congress in Albacete.
- **April 1, 2019:** presentation of the publication of the Congress proceedings.

Albacete, October 29, 2017

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