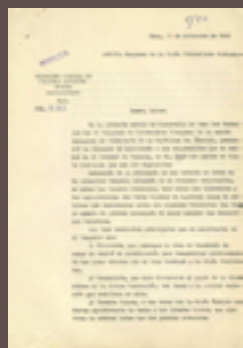
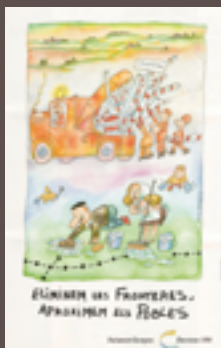


International call for papers

Spain and the European integration process

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The **Centre Virtuel de la Connaissance sur l'Europe (CVCE)** is very pleased to launch, in cooperation with the **European Academy of Yuste Foundation (FAEY)**, a call for papers as part of its current research project 'Spain and the European integration process', devoted to the historical relationship between Spain and Europe in a broad sense from the end of the Second World War to the present day. The project specifically addresses the relations of Spain's various institutional, socio-economic and cultural players with the European Communities — today the European Union — and their interactions with other European organisations.

The first stage of this research project involves the development of a digital research corpus on the CVCE's website; this publication will include relevant, varied and often previously unpublished resources in several languages and from a wide range of archives, as well as sources created by the CVCE's research team.

This call for papers aims to improve the visibility of the current scholarly debate in this field as well as to enrich and complement the project outputs.

The call for contributions is centred on **four main research clusters** (please see below for further details):

- 1. Spain's impact on and contributions to the process of European integration.**
- 2. The impact of the European integration process in Spain (Spain's Europeanisation).**
- 3. A cross-comparison of Spanish and European views on Spain's European dimension.**
- 4. A comparative approach to the integration of Spain and Portugal into the European Communities.**

The authors of the selected papers will be invited to present their contributions at the international conference to be held at the **Royal Monastery of Yuste**, head office of the **European Academy of Yuste Foundation (FAEY)**, in Cuacos de Yuste, Spain, on 16 and 17 April 2012, and their texts will be published in the conference proceedings.

We welcome papers from researchers at all stages of their career and from a variety of disciplines (History, Political Science, Law and Economics). **Abstracts, of a maximum of 500 words, submitted together with a biographical note of a maximum of 250 words**, can be written in Spanish, English or French and should be sent to the following email address: spain.conference@cvce.eu

For any questions related to this call, please contact the project manager, **Cristina Blanco Sío-López**, at: cristina.blancosiolopez@cvce.eu

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Research focus and proposed cluster themes

The **main research clusters** address the question of Spain's European policy from a variety of angles, also drawing parallels and identifying divergences with the case of Portugal in the broader framework of the motivations, strategies and discourses of the EU's southern enlargement.

1. Spain's impact on and contributions to the process of European integration

One important objective of this cluster is to gauge the impact of Spain's accession to the European Communities and of its interactions with other European organisations, especially by analysing Spanish contributions to the overall process of European integration, a research area that remains somewhat unexplored.

This cluster might include, but is not limited to, the following sub-topics:


- The initiative for the creation of a 'Europe of the citizens', a European passport and a European voluntary service.
- Proposals for the consolidation of a 'Social Europe' and the principle of social and economic cohesion at the European level.
- The deepening of a European regional policy and the solidarity principle governing the structural funds.
- Spain's role in the consolidation and institutionalisation of the European Union's relations with Latin America.
- The strengthening of cooperation between the countries north and south of the Mediterranean and Spain's mediating role in the Middle East peace process.
- The impact and contributions of Spanish migrants in EU Member States.
- The legacy of dissent: Spanish interest in and contributions to European integration developed by clandestine internal opposition and among Spanish exiles in Europe.
- The influence of Spain's transition to democracy on other transition processes across Europe.
- The adaptation of the European institutions to Spain's accession.

2. The impact of the European integration process in Spain (Spain's Europeanisation)

If we understand Europeanisation as 'a process of (a) construction, (b) diffusion, and (c) institutionalisation of formal and informal rules, procedures, policy paradigms, styles, "ways of doing things", and shared beliefs and norms which are first defined and consolidated in the making of EU public policy and politics and then incorporated in the logic of domestic discourse, identities, political structures and public policies'¹, this cluster could look at potential sub-topics related to the adaptation of Spanish polity, politics and policies to the process of European integration, while not excluding other similar themes:

- The Europeanisation of Spanish polity and politics and the subsequent institutional adaptations.
- The influence of Europeanisation in the balance and workings of the

¹ Radaelli C., 'The Europeanization of Public Policy', in Featherstone K., Radaelli C. (Eds.), *The Politics of Europeanization*, Oxford, Oxford University Press, 2003, p. 30.



relationship between autonomous communities, central government and European institutions.

— The stimulation and diversification of Spain's economic production, and its role in a global economy.

— The influence of Europeanisation on living standards and equal opportunities in different domains.

— The evolution of transport networks and infrastructures in Spain.

— The influence of other political cultures in Europe on Spanish integration and traditions.

— The redefinition of Spain's presence and action in the international arena as a result of its new European dimension.

— Influences and inspirations that have forged Spain's European policy.

3. A cross-comparison of Spanish and European views on Spain's European dimension

This cluster involves two main approaches: either an in-depth analysis of one of these two perspectives or a comparison of both. We especially encourage the latter approach because of its originality and the rich potential offered by such cross-comparison.

3.1. Spanish views on Spain's European dimension

The aim of this approach is to shed light on the changing perspectives, perceptions, expectations and considerations of Spain's governmental institutions, civil society and public opinion regarding the concepts, projects and policy implementation brought about by European integration.

3.2. European views on Spain's European dimension

This contrasting approach intends to elucidate the vectors and evolution of a plurality of European views coming from the different Member States, the European institutions and European public opinion in a broad sense regarding Spain's interest in and implementation of accession to the European Communities and its role in the European integration process.

4. The case in context: A comparative approach to the integration of Spain and Portugal into the European Communities.

This last cluster aims to contextualise the case of Spain within the wider perspective of the southern enlargement of the European Communities by means of a comparative analysis with a country sharing Spain's experience of a dictatorship, as well as that of the implementation of the European integration process, which ran in parallel with a transition to democracy. Nonetheless, the intention is to identify not only the similarities of the countries' European itineraries but also the divergences which highlight the particularities of both cases from a historical, political, legal and economic viewpoint.



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