

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

Spain – Portugal Year. 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Carnation Revolution

THE  
**transition  
processes**  
**IN 20<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY EUROPE**  
**ACHIEVING AND SUSTAINING**  
**DEMOCRACY**



**8<sup>TH</sup> AND 9<sup>TH</sup>,  
OCTOBER 2024**

National Archive  
of Torre do Tombo, Lisbon

Organizes:





In the moments just after midnight on April 25, 1974, Rádio Renascença played “Grândola, Vila Morena”, a song banned by Salazar’s regime. This was the signal for the Armed Forces Movement to end Portugal’s long dictatorship. What was initially planned as a coup d’état turned into a military uprising due to the minimal resistance from the regime’s supporters. A few months later, in July 1974, the Greek military Junta relinquished power, and following General Francisco Franco’s death in November 1975, Spain began its transition to democracy. Thus marked the decline of three southern European dictatorships, closing a lengthy chapter of fascist remnants and leading to a substantial increase in democracies worldwide.

Meanwhile, the revolutions that swept across Central and Eastern Europe culminated in the fall of 1989, rapidly toppling the Soviet-aligned totalitarian states within months. The upheaval began in Poland and was followed by peaceful uprisings in Czechoslovakia, Hungary, East Germany, and Bulgaria, while Romania violently overthrew its dictator. In the years that followed, these revolutions led to the dissolution of the Soviet Union, Yugoslavia, and Czechoslovakia.

The International Conference will examine, among other aspects, the mechanisms by which these regimes were dismantled and transitioned to democracy, the crucial role of civil society in these achievements, the creation of new identities and political landscapes, the accountability for human rights violations, and the strategies learned and applicable in combating current totalitarian trends in Europe ●

# TUESDAY, OCTOBER, 8

## ● 09:30 h.

### OPENING CEREMONY

#### PORTUGUESE MINISTRY OF CULTURE

##### **JUAN FERNÁNDEZ TRIGO**

Spanish Ambassador to Portugal.

##### **FERNANDO MARTÍNEZ LÓPEZ**

State Secretary of Democratic Memory, Spain.

## ● 10:00 h.

##### **DR. MARIA INÁCIA REZOLA**

Executive Commissioner of the 50 Years 25 April Commemorative Commission. Contemporary History Institute. Universidade Nova de Lisboa.

## ● 10:45 h.

### COFFEE BREAK

## ● 11:30 h.

##### **PROF. DR. RAFAEL QUIROSA-CHEYROUZE Y MUÑOZ**

Universidad de Almería.

## ● 12:15 h.

##### **DR. KOSTIS KORNETIS**

Universidad Autónoma Madrid.

## ● 13:00 h.

### LUNCH

● 14:30 h.

**ROUNDTABLE**  
**PORTUGAL. GREECE. SPAIN**

**MODERATOR: Silvestre Lacerda**

Director of DGLAB National Archive of Torre do Tombo.

**DR. MANUEL LOFF**

Universidade do Porto.

**DR. GUYA ACCORNERO**

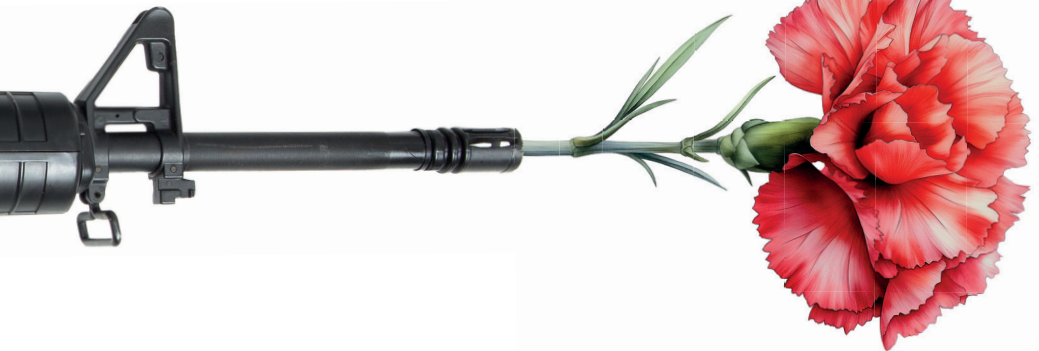
Universidade de Lisboa.

**PROF. DR. MONTSERRAT HUGUET SANTOS**

Universidad Carlos III Madrid.

● 15:30 h.

**CONCERT: MANUEL GERENA**



# WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER, 9

## ● 09:30 h.

### **ROUNDTABLE POLAND, HUNGARY AND THE VELVET REVOLUTION**

#### **MODERATOR: Dr. Almudena Cruz Yábar**

Spanish Deputy Director for Promotion of Democratic Memory.

#### **DR. MICHAŁ SIERMIŃSKI**

Institute for the History of Science of the Polish Academy of Sciences.

#### **DR. ANDRÁS LÉNÁRT**

Holocaust Memorial Centre, Budapest.

#### **DR. ONDŘEJ KLÍPA**

Karlova University, Prague.

## ● 10:30 h.

### **ROUNDTABLE THE FALL OF THE WALL**

#### **MODERATOR: Amélie zu Eulenburg**

Bundesstiftung Aufarbeitung der SED-Diktatur.

#### **DR. JENNY BAUMANN**

Bundesstiftung Aufarbeitung der SED-Diktatur.

#### **PROF. DR. AXEL KLAUSMEIER**

Director of the Stiftung Berliner Mauer.

## ● 11:30 h.

### **COFFEE BREAK**

● 12:15 h.

**ROUNDTABLE**  
**CIVIL SOCIETY IN BULGARIA AND ROMANIA**

**MODERATOR: Dr. Habilitation Claudia-Florentina Dobre**

Nicolae Iorga Institute of History and Centre for Memory and Identity Studies, Bucharest.

**PROF. DR. MOMCHIL METODIEV**

New University of Bulgaria. Director of the Institute of Recent Past, Sofia.

**PROF. DR. RICARDO MARTÍN DE LA GUARDIA**

Universidad de Valladolid.

● 13:15 h.

**LUNCH**

● 14:30 h.

**ROUNDTABLE**  
**THE DISSOLUTION OF YUGOSLAVIA**

**MODERATOR: Dr. Stefan Radojković**

Institute for Political Studies, Belgrade.

**AMBASSADOR JOVAN TEGOVSKI**

President of the Diplomatic Club, Skopje, North Macedonia.

**PROF. DR. ALEKSANDAR JAKIR**

University of Split.

**PROF. DR. GORAN LATINVIĆ**

University of Banja Luka.

**DR. MILAN GULIĆ**

Institute for Contemporary History, Belgrade.

**DR. FARIS KOČAN**

University of Ljubljana.

**PROF. DR. NEDŽMA DŽANANOVIĆ MIRAŠČIJA**

University of Sarajevo.

**NIKOLA ZEČEVIĆ**

Institute of Advanced Studies, University of Montenegro.

● **16:00 h.**

**CLOSING WORDS**

**ZORAIDA HIJOSA VALDIZÁN**

Director General of Victim Support and Promotion of Democratic Memory.

● **18:00 h.**

**OPENING OF THE EXHIBITION**

**«PORTUGAL-SPAIN: 50 YEARS OF DEMOCRACY»**

