

## **EUROPEAN ACADEMY OF RELIGION**

### **ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

**Thursday, 7th of March, Rubicone room, Aemilia Hotel, Bologna.**

**Title of the panel: "Transnational Networks of Contemporary Hispanic Catholicism"**

**Proponents:** Natalia Núñez Bargueño (Sorbonne Université) & José Ramón Rodríguez Lago (Universidad de Vigo)

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*This panel wishes to pay a tribute to the memory of the late founding member of the AEHRC, Professor **Feliciano Montero García** (1948-2018), a great inspiration to so many of us.*

#### **Abstract**

The history of networks created by Hispanic Catholics is crucial to the understanding of contemporary World Catholicism. Hispanic Catholics have played an important role in the creation of transnational networks, including the secular clergy, religious congregations or/and secular organizations. One of the key tropes that defined this transnational catholic imaginary is the ideology of "Hispanidad". Meaning slightly different things to different groups at different times, the concept presupposes the existence of a transnational (often Transatlantic and/or Pan-American) spiritual brotherhood. This ideology was strongly marked by the legacy of the colonial past, that is, by the persistence of the relationship that linked the old metropolis to its former possessions in America, Asia and Africa. Although this transnational identity was rather vague, it decisively conditioned the intricate relations (diplomatic, spiritual) established with other non-Hispanic Catholics from Western Europe and the United States. This panel wishes to explore this noteworthy historical experience. Besides, by exposing the relevance and complexity of these networks we also wish to open a historiographical debate over the limits of the pervading national framework that has traditionally been used by historians to approach the study of Contemporary Hispanic Catholicism.

**Language:** Spanish / English

**8:30 a 10:30 – Hispanic Catholicism and the United States.**

**Chair:** Natalia Núñez Bargueño (Sorbonne Université, France)

- **José Ramón Rodríguez Lago** (Universidad de Vigo, España). Ecclesiastical networks between Spain and USA (1919-1959) / Redes eclesíásticas entre España y los Estados Unidos de América (1919-1959).
- **Raquel Lázaro Vicente** (Universidad Autónoma de Madrid, España). Spain as a part of the Tour of Great Forgiveness. North American Pilgrims on their way to Rome during the 1950 Holy Year/ España en el itinerario del Gran Perdón. Peregrinos estadounidenses en tránsito a Roma con motivo del Año Santo de 1950.
- **Milton Javier Bravo** (Fordham University, USA). Hispanic Catholicism in the United States: Theological Reflection on family separation and migration.

**10:45 a 12:45 Global History of Hispanic Catholic Networks.**

Chair: **José Ramón Rodríguez Lago** (Universidad de Vigo, España).

- **Natalia Núñez Bargueño** (Sorbonne Université, France). Between Utopia and Reality: The contribution of the International Eucharistic Congress to the creation, consolidation and evolution of International Catholic Networks.
- **Chiaki Watanabe** (Aoyama Gakuin University, Japón). Spanish missionaries in XXth century Japan/ Misioneros españoles en el Japón del siglo XX.

*Round table: discussing Professor Feliciano Montero García's work and legacy.*

**14:30-16:30 Latin American and Transatlantic Hispanic Catholic Networks.**

Chair: **José Ramón Rodríguez Lago** (Universidad de Vigo, España).

- **Ignacio Martínez** (Universidad Nacional de Rosario, IECH, CONICET, Argentina). Nationalization and transnationalization of Argentine Church in 19th Century/ Nacionalización y transnacionalización de la Iglesia argentina durante el siglo XIX.
- **Miranda Lida** (Universidad de San Andrés, CONICET, Argentina). Beyond Holy War: debates over the different understandings of the concept of "Hispanidad" in 1930s Argentine; the Institución Cultural Española de Buenos Aires and its networks/ Más allá de la guerra santa: debates en torno de la(s) hispanidad(es) en la Argentina de los años treinta a través de las redes de la Institución Cultural Española de Buenos Aires.
- **Mario i Aguilar** (University of St. Andrews, Scotland, UK). From Spain to Chile and Nicaragua in Times of Revolution: Fidei Donum Priests 1970-1980/ Desde España a Chile y Nicaragua en tiempos de revolución: los sacerdotes Fidei Donum 1970-1980.

**16:45 a 18:45: The participation of Spanish Catholics in the Transnational Catholic Scene during the Francoist Regime.**

Chair: **Natalia Núñez Bargueño** (Sorbonne Université, France).

- **Ángela Pérez del Puerto** (Universidad Autónoma de Madrid, España). "Dress how you want to be addressed". Fashion as front battle in the transnational catholic construction of femininity (1940-1950)/"Viste como quieras que te traten". La moda como frente de batalla en la construcción católica transnacional de feminidad (1940-1950).
- **Joan Josep Matas Pastor** (CESAG, Universidad Pontificia Comillas, España). "Los cursillos de cristiandad" (Workshops on Christianity): From being a means of educating the Catholic Laity to becoming an International Catholic Movement. Los Cursillos de Cristiandad. De método de formación de la Acción Católica a movimiento internacional.
- **Inmaculada Blasco Herranz** (Universidad de La Laguna, España) and **Mónica Moreno Seco** (Universidad de Alicante, España). The role of Spanish Catholic Women in International Catholic Networks: the WUCWO in the 50s and 60s/ Españolas en el catolicismo internacional: la UMOFC en los años cincuenta y sesenta.

**Disciplines involved:** History, Sociology, Theology, Political Science.

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