

U.S. Public Diplomacy & Third Wave of Democratization. The Spanish Case

The Portuguese revolution of April 1974, the end of the Greek dictatorship in July of that year, and the Spanish transition to democracy in 1975 has been commonly analyzed under the optics of the *third wave of democratization*. A term coined by Samuel P. Huntington right after the fall of the *Berlin Wall* and likewise used in order to explain the transition to democracy in the former European satellites of the Soviet Union in the early 1990s.

U.S. Public Diplomacy effort to promote and to spread out the American political model might have played an important role in that *general tendency*. This Congress aspires to be a platform for an interdisciplinary dialogue in between Historians of the US Information Agency, the US Educational Exchange Programs and Political Scientists. Scholars who will discuss about the connections, consequences and weakness of that supposed cause-effect liaison.

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Michael BROWN, Dean of the Elliot School of International Affairs.

Chair:

Henry HALE, Director of the Institute for European, Eurasian and Russian Studies.

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Panel 1: US PUBLIC DIPLOMACY & AUTHORITARIAN REGIMES

Commentator: John H. BROWN (Institute for the Study of Diplomacy at Georgetown University)

US PUBLIC DIPLOMACY AND DEMOCRATIZATIONS

Nicholas J. CULL (Director, Masters Program in Public Diplomacy at University of Southern California)

US PUBLIC DIPLOMACY & THE PORTUGUESE REVOLUTION

Rosa M. PARDO SANZ (Universidad Nacional Educación a Distancia)

US PUBLIC DIPLOMACY & EASTERN GERMANY

Janusz BUGAJSKI (Director, New European Democracies Project at the Center for Strategic and International Studies)

Panel 2: GEO-POLITICAL DIMENSION OF THE SPANISH TRANSITION

Commentator: Daniel WHITMAN, (American University & Former Public Affairs Officer in the U.S. Embassy, Madrid)

THE U.S. GOVERNMENT AND THE POLITICAL TRANSITION IN SPAIN

Charles POWELL (Vice-Principal Research & Analysis Real Instituto Elcano)

U.S. INFLUENCE ON THE MODERNIZATION OF THE SPANISH ARMY

Narcís SERRA i SERRA (Vice-President of Spain, 1991-1996.
Minister of Defense, 1982-1991)

U.S. PUBLIC DIPLOMACY AND THE ROAD FROM FRANCO TO DEMOCRACY

Lorenzo DELGADO (Instituto de Historia, CCHS-CSIC)

Panel 3: PUBLIC OPINION-CULTURAL DIMENSION OF THE SPANISH TRANSITION

Commentator: Richard ARNDT (Former Officer in the USA)

U.S. PUBLIC DIPLOMACY AND THE SELLING OF "DEMOCRACY" IN SPAIN

Pablo LEÓN AGUINAGA (Georgetown University)

U.S. EXCHANGE PROGRAMS AND AMERICAN STUDIES IN SPAIN

Francisco J. RODRÍGUEZ JIMÉNEZ (George Washington University)

U.S. PUBLIC DIPLOMACY AND SPANISH PUBLIC OPINION

Mark ASQUINO (George Washington University & Former Public Affairs Officer in the U.S. Embassy, Madrid)

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