

Abstract

The dissertation focuses on Czechoslovak-Spanish relations between 1918-1977. The main focus of the thesis is the research of the Spanish communist exile in post-war Czechoslovakia and the Slovak and Czech anti-communist exile in Francoist Spain, using new methodological approaches and concepts (everyday resistance, (im)mobility). Through the case studies focusing on the everyday life of “heterodox” Spanish exiles, the thesis also addresses the question of the dichotomy between the Spanish collectives in Ústí nad Labem and Prague. The research is also oriented towards the question of the development of economic relations between the people’s democratic Czechoslovakia and Franco’s Spain, as well as the subsequent process of the reestablishment of diplomatic relations between the two countries, with an aim to contextualise the post-war Czechoslovak-Spanish relations within the reality of the Cold War. Last but not least, the thesis analyses the relations between both the individual emigrants (the leaders of the exile and its “rank and file” members) and between the Communist Party of Czechoslovakia (KSČ) and the Communist Party of Spain (PCE).

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