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**INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE
EUROPEAN FAMINES: BETWEEN HISTORY AND MEMORY
(19TH AND 20TH CENTURIES)**

Universidad de Granada (Spain), 21-23 September 2022

Call for papers





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Place: Carmen de la Victoria, University of Granada

Date: 21-23rd September 2022

Modality: Onsite meeting

Deadline for proposals: 30 May 2022

Organisers: Research Project: “HAMBRUNA. The Spanish Famine: Causes, Development, Consequences and Memory (1939-1952), Ministry of Economy and Competitiveness ([Ref. PID2019-109470GB-I00](#)), Department of Contemporary History of the University of Granada; Research Network “Standards of living, health, nutrition and inequality” ([NISALdes](#)) (Ref. RED2018-102413-T); Research Project “The Silenced Famine of Francoism (1939-1952)”, 2020 Leonardo Grant for Researchers and Cultural Creators, BBVA Foundation; and Heritages of Hunger Project ([web](#)).

JUSTIFICATION AND OBJECTIVES

The current Covid19 pandemic has forced us to look at the past for answers for our uncertain future. Among the events that significantly influenced the evolution of human societies are famines. In recent years, there have been important advances that have contributed to the knowledge of the history and memory of famines across the world. Specifically, contemporary European famines (19th and 20th centuries) have received prominent attention from researchers.

This international seminar aims to bring together international researchers in order to deepen our understanding of contemporary European famines. Our objective is to foster comparative perspectives, delving into various topics relating to famine and opening up new pathways for exploring these troubled pasts. We are not only interested in explaining the origin, development and consequences of the famines, but also attending to the



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official, social and individual memories that they have generated, as well as their transmission, representation and commemoration. Doing so will allow us to have a more comprehensive and complex understanding of these traumatic experiences, contributing to the knowledge of our contemporary societies and present-day challenges.

SUBMISSIONS THEMATICS

We are looking for papers which:

Explore famines in Europe in the 19th and/or 20th centuries

Investigate the history or memory of famines from local, national, international and/or transnational levels.

Make use of a wide variety of approaches and methodologies

We invite abstract for papers covering any topic related to the study of this theme, including, but not limited to, the following:

1. Causes of famine
2. Agricultural production and food availability
3. State policies and responses
4. Relief practices
5. Coping strategies
6. Daily life during famines
7. Famine mortality and diseases
8. Memory and trauma

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

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ABSTRACTS

Abstracts should be 300-350 words in English. Submissions must include the name(s) of the authors, their affiliations and biographies (maximum of 150 words).

SEMINAR IMPORTANT DATES

Deadline for abstract submissions: May, 30, 2022

Notification of acceptance / rejection: June, 15, 2022

Conference: 21-23 September, 2022

ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

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