

Call for Papers

Letras Peninsulares invites papers for a monographic issue to be entitled

Raquel's Shadow: Representations of The Holocaust in Peninsular Literature and Film / La sombra de Raquel. Representaciones del Holocausto en la literatura y el cine de España

The artistic interrogation of the Holocaust continues to grow in the literature and film of the Iberian Peninsula, where the theme is complex indeed, its shadow moving from the onset of the European Holocaust of the Thirties and Forties both backward and forward. It The Holocaust theme doubles back elliptically to the Peninsula's long and in many ways continuous Sephardic heritage and the expulsions of the fifteenth century, and forward to the fascist persecution and exile of many descendants of those very Sephardim centuries later, to the intervention of many exiled Spanish Republicans in the fight against fascism after the Spanish Civil War, and to their presence in the extermination camps.

We draw the issue's title from the protagonist of Vicente García de la Huerta's eighteenth-century tragedy, a vexed work fraught with the ambivalences of Spanish encounter with the Sephardic self as Other.

Papers are invited that deal with the literary or cinematic treatment of the Holocaust in works from Spain or multi-national Spain. Our parameters embrace contemporary Spain, from the eighteenth century into the twenty-first, though we are able to consider for this issue comparative studies involving works of earlier periods as well as those that incorporate analysis of a work from another national literature or cinematography. Theoretical approaches to the portrayal or evocation of the Holocaust in Spanish letters and cinema, or to their analysis, are also welcome.

Submission guidelines: two copies of manuscript; CD requested upon acceptance. Author's name to appear only on separate cover sheet. Return postage to be included.

We do not accept electronic submissions.

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