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Memory Project

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ABSTRACT

Since 2007, researchers from UC San Diego have worked with civil society organizations in Spain to record the testimonies of militants, witnesses and victims of the Spanish Civil War (1936-1939) and the State repression that followed (1939-1975). With over one hundred and twenty life-history interviews collected, all accessible on-line, the Spanish Civil War Memory Project: Audiovisual Archive of the Francoist Repression is the world's largest collection of audiovisual testimonies of the Spanish Civil War and Franco dictatorship. As the new Assistant Director of the project, my goal is to help the archive achieve its mission to become "an invaluable tool to educate future generations about the traumatic events that took place in Spain during this historical period." To do this, I plan to work with student researchers to digitally enhance the testimonies collected by adding metadata that provides users with time-correlated keywords, geotags, and hyperlinks. In addition to making the archive a more user-friendly and media-rich experience, this initiative will provide student researchers with an opportunity to contribute to the development of the archive while gaining digital humanities skills.