

DEMOCRACY AND LIBERALISM IN THE MEDITERRANEAN, 1750-1860

In this meeting we propose to explore the relationship between democracy and liberalism, their encounters and confrontations, both in ideas and practices, in the Mediterranean from the point at which some people first began positively to identify themselves as democrats (in Italy at least in the 1790s) to the 1860s. Democracy was an ancient word; liberalism was not. The former underwent a process of being re-imagined from the eighteenth-century, particularly after the French revolution. The latter emerged as a self-description and party label in the 1810s, although some of the principles attached to the word existed earlier. Understandings of liberalism (as of democracy) varied by place and time, and not everyone that historians term liberal normally referred to themselves as such: 'Moderate' and 'Progressive', were also common identities. In this workshop we want to explore how people thought about democracy and liberalism and its analogues in relation to one another. To what extent did 'liberals' (or whatever other terms we might think are analogous) define themselves against democracy, and if they did, in what ways did they see themselves as different? Did democracy acquire new meaning or assume new forms when it had liberalism or its analogues to define itself against? At what points did the two actively confront one another as competing ideologies? And how was each positioned in relation to other ideologies, conservatism, republicanism and socialism?

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Este encuentro propone explorar las relaciones entre la democracia y el liberalismo, sus encuentros y tensiones, tanto en las ideas como en sus prácticas en el Mediterráneo, desde el momento en que algunas personas comenzaron a identificarse como demócratas (en Italia por lo menos desde la década de 1790) hasta la década de 1860. Democracia era una palabra antigua, liberalismo no. La primera fue objeto de un proceso de re-imaginación desde el siglo dieciocho, particularmente después de la revolución francesa. La segunda emergió, con sentido de auto-identidad y como etiqueta partidaria, en la década de 1810, aunque algunos de los principios adscritos a la palabra tuviesen existencia anterior. Las definiciones del liberalismo, como las de la democracia, variaron en tiempo y lugar, y no todos los que son bautizados como liberales por los historiadores se identificaron a sí mismos como tales: Moderados y Progresistas fueron también identidades muy comunes. En esta conferencia queremos explorar cómo la gente concebía la democracia y el liberalismo y cómo se miraban los unos a los otros. ¿Hasta qué punto los unos se definían en contraposición a los otros, y en qué sentido se veían diferentes? ¿Adquirió la democracia nuevos significados y formas al enfrentarse al liberalismo? ¿En qué momento se vieron confrontadas como ideologías en competencia? ¿Y qué posición adoptaron frente a otras ideologías, el conservadurismo, el republicanismo, o el socialismo?

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La promulgación de la Constitución de 1812, obra de Salvador Viniegra (Museo de las Cortes de Cádiz).



Discussion

> 10.00

Introduction

> 10.30

Anna Maria RAO

Università degli Studi di Napoli Federico II

Avant le libéralisme : patriotes et démocrates
à Naples de la fin du XVIII^e siècle au début du
XIX^e siècle

> 10.50

Pierre-Marie DELPU

Université Paris 1

Patriots, Democrats and Liberals
in Southern Italy, 1810s-1840s

Discussion - Coffee break

> 12.20

Enrico FRANCIA

Università di Padova

Street Politics in the Italian Revolution
of 1848. Political Actors, Strategies, Places

Discussion

> 12.55

Jean-Philippe LUIS

Université Clermont 2

El *afrancesamiento* : une voie espagnole
libérale originale ?

> 15.30

Adrian SHUBERT

York University, Canada

Between Liberalism and Democracy
in mid-19th century Spain: the Figure
of Baldomero Espartero

> 15.50

Pablo SÁNCHEZ LEÓN

Universidad del País Vasco /
Euskal Herriko Unibertsitatea

Democrats within Liberalism: Ideological
and Political Cleavages in Spain from
the Creation of the *Partido Demócrata* (1848)
to the Rise of the *Unión Liberal* (1856)

Discussion - Coffee break

> 17.15

Paulo SILVEIRA E SOUSA

Centro de História de Além-Mar,
Universidade Nova de Lisboa

Liberalism and Intellectuals in Portugal:
From Revolution to Moderation, 1820-1851

> 17.35

Rui RAMOS

Instituto de Ciências Sociais, Universidade de Lisboa

Liberalism and Democracy in the Portuguese
1850s: Triumph, Defeat or Transformation?

Discussion

SATURDAY 4/07

> 10.00

Sakis GEKAS

York University, Canada

Mediterranean Liberalism in practice.
Reformists, Radicals and the Quest for a
Democratic State in the Ionian Islands
under British rule (1815-1864)

> 10.20

Michalis SOTIROPOULOS

Queen Mary, University of London

Moderating the Revolution: Liberalism,
« Democracy » and Institutional Reforms
in the Greek State (ca 1830-1860)

Discussion - Coffee break

> 11.50

Sia ANAGNOSTOPOULOU

Panteion University 1, Athens

How is Democracy Perceived in «Modern»
Empires? The Example of 19th Century
Cyprus

> 12.10

Wael ABU-'UKSA

Van Leer Jerusalem Institute

Constructing the Language of Democracy
in Arabic, 1750-1860

Discussion

> 13.00

Closing remarks

Celebration place:

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