

# Project description

## Abstract

### **“Interpreting and Translating during the Spanish Civil War, 1936-1939”**

Between 1936 and 1939, 35,000 volunteers from 53 nations joined the International Brigades to support the Republican government and the fight for the Republican cause in the Spanish Civil War.

This project looks at how communication was managed within the International Brigades. Based on autobiographical accounts of volunteers, contemporary documents and secondary sources of information in twenty languages, it examines the use of translation and interpreting from a Translation Studies perspective and also reappraises the work of Soviet translators and interpreters who were dispatched to Spain by their government. By adopting a multilingual approach and considering cultural and linguistic aspects, the project will add a new perspective to the discussion of political conflicts and ideological struggles which marred the Spanish Civil War.

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