

ACTIVITY REPORT: **AEJ- SPANISH SECTION 2007**

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I.- PRESS LUNCHEONS

Government cycle

Cristina Narbona. Minister for the Environment (8th November)

José Antonio Alonso. Minister for Defence (14th December)

Miguel Ángel Moratinos. Foreign Affairs Minister (26th January)



Miguel Ángel Moratinos and Ana Zuzarren

Mariano Rajoy and Montserrat Domínguez

Parliamentary cycle

Mariano Rajoy. President of the Partido Popular and leader of the opposition (19th February)

Artur Mas. President of CiU

Election cycle

Alberto Ruiz Gallardón. Mayor of Madrid (6th March)

Pío García-Escudero. Popular Party spokesman in the Senate (9th March)

Rafael Simancas. PSOE candidate in the elections to the Madrid Regional Government (18th April)



Alberto Ruiz Gallardón

Rafael Simancas and Ángeles Bazán

Pío García Escudero and Miguel Ángel Aguilar

Institutional cycle

Félix Sanz Roldán. Spanish army Joint Chief of Staff (9th January)

Cándido Conde-Pumpido. Spanish Attorney General (13th February)

Luis Martí Mingarro. Dean of the School of lawyers of Madrid (8th May)



Miguel Ángel Aguilar and Félix Sanz Roldán

Cándido Conde-Pumpido

Luis Martí Mingarro

Economic and Social cycle

Manuel Conthe, President of the National Commission for Stock Markets (CNMV)

Antonio Brufau. President of Repsol YPF (19th January)

Miguel Blesa. President of Caja Madrid (6th February)

Ricardo Fornesa. President of La Caixa (20th February)



Asunción Valdés and Antonio Brufau

Miguel Blesa and Miguel Ángel Aguilar

Ricardo Fornesa

Communication cycle

Jose María Bergareche, President of Grupo Vocento

José Joly. President of Grupo Joly (23rd January)

Andrés Izarra. President of Telesur (10th May)



José Joly

Andrés Izarra,

European cycle

Jiri Dienstbier. Former Czechoslovakian Minister of Foreign Affairs (15th February)

Alberto Navarro. Spanish Secretary of State for the EU. (12th June)



Jiri Dienstbier and Fernando Valenzuela

Alberto Navarro and Walter Haubrich

I.- PRESENTATIONS AT OUR HEADQUARTERS

Remembrance of the Holocaust in Spain

22nd January

In preparation of the Spanish day of remembrance of the Holocaust and for the prevention of crimes against humanity (27th January- the anniversary of the day in which the concentration camp of Auschwitz-Birkenau was freed), a group of Spanish Holocaust survivors met with the press at the AEJ headquarters.

Presentation of the book "Between one Spain and another"

19th April



The Secretary General and Parliamentary spokesman of political party CiU **Josep Antoni Duran i Lleida**, presented his latest book, "*Between one Spain and another, from 11-M to the Barajas bombing*" during a meeting with the press at the APE headquarters.

The book, published by "Temas de Hoy", is a collection of biographical notes, memoirs, reporting and essays in which Duran i Lleida remembers and analyses the political situation in Spain between the Al Qaeda Atocha bombings and the PSOE victory in the General Elections up to the Barajas bombing by ETA this

December last.

International Campaign for the Establishment of a United Nations Parliamentary Assembly

27th April

On 27th April, the *International Campaign for the Establishment of a United Nations Parliamentary Assembly* was presented in Madrid, in the APE's headquarters, in co-operation with the UBUNTU (The World Forum of Civil Society Networks), a campaign calling for a profound reform of the system of International institutions.



III.- SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES

“New Trends in European Employment. Immigration and the labour market in the EU”

VII European Seminar on Employment
11th and 12th April. Gijón

The Mayoralty of Gijón and the APE held the 7th edition of their Seminar on Employment, which featured distinguished speakers from the worlds of politics, business and the Trade Union movement offering their opinions on impact of immigration on the European Labour market, as well as the EU’s initiatives to favour integration and access to gainful employment.

This seventh edition of the seminar, continuing in the tradition of the previous editions held in 1999, 2000, 2002, 2003 y 2004 and in the same city, took place over 11th and 12th April.



Vicente Álvarez Areces, President of the Asturias regional government, **Paz Fernández-Felgueroso**, Mayor of Gijón, and **Diego Carcedo**, Director of the Seminar and President of the AEJ (left), took charge of the Seminar’s opening ceremony .

The following session saw **Marcos Peña**, director of the Foro Económico y Social, **Estrella Rodríguez Pardo**, Director General for the integration of immigrants, **Alberto González Menéndez**, Secretary General of the Federation of Asturias Businessmen, and **Iñigo Noriega**, the Director of “*El Comercio*” newspaper, participated in a round table titled “*Immigration, integration and employment. European experiences*”.

That afternoon’s debate and analysis session dwelt upon European experiences with immigration. A distinguished international panel debated the social and economic impact in each of their countries, as well as internationally. **Patrick Butor**, France’s Director for Population and Migration, **Patrick Taran**, Senior Migration Analyst at the International Labour Organization, **Ángeles Solanes**, member of the Citizenship, immigration and minorities Research Group at the Universidad de Valencia, **Sandra Pratt**, Deputy head of the EU Commission’s Immigration and Asylum Unit, **José María Ridao**, writer and diplomat, and **Ángel Gómez Escorial**, President of Escorial Press Agency.

Additionally, **Pilar Fernández-Pardo**, President of the Gijón PP, read a speech prepared by the Popular Party's Executive Secretary for Social and Welfare Policy, **Ana Pastor**, who was finally unable to attend the meeting.



Patrick Taran, Fernández-Pardo, Ángeles Solanes, Ángel Escorial, Patrick Butor José María Ridaó

The second day of the Seminar featured two round tables which examined, each in turn, the existence of continuing training as a tool to full integration of the worker and the reasons for the continuing job precariousness among the young.

Participants included **Xavier Prats Monne**, Director for Employment, Lisbon Strategy and International Affairs of the EU Commission, **Lola Liceras**, Confederal Employment Secretary of CCOO trade union, **Teresa Muñoz Rodríguez**, Secretary for Employment education and training, **Fernando González Urbaneja**, President of the Madrid Press Association, **Kasia Jurczak**, from the European Foundation for the improvement of of life and work conditions, **Juan Manuel Fuentes Doblado**, Director General for Employment Education and Training of the Junta de Andalucía, **Ángeles Bazán**, of RNE, or **Aino Salomäki**, from the EU Commission's DG Economic and Monetary Affairs.



Xavier Prats Monne José García Llorente González Urbaneja Fernández-Raigos Lola Liceras

The seminar finished with a lecture by the Spanish Director General for Immigration, **Marta Rodríguez Tarduchy**, which, under the title of “*Immigration and the job market in Spain*”, she analysed the Spanish experience after the “normalisation” of the situation of over half a million foreigners working illegally in Spain and their entry into the Social Security system last year.

“And now what?”

Round Table on the European Constitution on the 50th anniversary of the Treaty of Rome

11th May, 2007. Charles of Antwerp Foundation

The Charles of Antwerp Foundation, the Spanish Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Real Instituto Elcano, with the cooperation of the Asociación de Periodistas Europeos, held a debate and analysis session titled “*And now what?*”, on the state of the European Constitutional project 50 years after the treaty of Rome.

After initial speeches and presentation by **Alberto Navarro**, Secretary of State for the EU, **Gustavo Suárez Pertierra**, President of the Real Instituto Elcano, and **Miguel Ángel Aguilar**, Presidente of the Charles of Antwerp Foundation and Secretary General of the Asociación de Periodistas Europeos, former Spanish Minister of Foreign Affairs and EU Commissioner **Marcelino Oreja** delivered a speech on the subject.

This was followed by a round table, moderated by the Director of the Real Instituto Elcano, **Gil Carlos Rodríguez Iglesias**, which was composed of **Bruno de Witte**, Profesor of European law *Robert Schuman Centre* in Florence, **Wolf-Ruthart Born**, German Ambassador, **Philippe Herzog**, President of *Confrontations Europe*, **Mario Hirsch**, Director of the *Pierre Werner Institute* in Luxembourg, **Pietro Calamia**, Italian Ambassador, **Tom de Bruijn**, Dutch Ambassador and permanent representative of the Netherlands to the EU.

Amongst the members of the public were many journalists specialised in European Affairs, who participated actively in the debate, such as **Henk Boom** (De Tijd - Madrid), **Aurora Mínguez** (RNE- Berlín) or **Jean-Pierre Stroobants** (Le Monde-Brussels).

“Course on European Integration for Albanian Journalists”

28th May- 1st June. Tirana International Hotel, Albania.

The Asociación de Periodistas Europeos, together with the Spanish Agency for International Cooperation and the Albanese Institute for the Study of the Media organised a training course directed at active journalists in the Albanese media that would help them better understand the European integration process and information coming from European Institutions.

The meeting, which was held at the Tirana headquarters of the Albanese Institute for the Study of the Media and at the Tirana International Hotel on 28th May and 1st June, brought together a number of local experts and personalities with a delegation of Spanish Journalists that described their country’ experience of integration into Europe and the role that the media played in it.

The main Spanish speakers were **Diego Carcedo**, President of the APE, **Xavier Batalla**, Diplomatic Correspondent of “La Vanguardia”, **Juan Fernández Elorriaga**, Director of the Instituto Cervantes in Belgrade, and **Manuel Montobbio**, Spanish Ambassador in Albania. Amongst the local personalities we could highlight former Albanian President **Rexhep Mejdani** or Albanian Minister of Foreign Affairs **Ilda Zhulali**, Ministra de Asuntos Exteriores.

The course, which was taken by a large number of local journalists, ended with a round table titled “*The role of the media in European Incorporation*”.

Seminar on Iraq

13th June. Diario Madrid Foundation.

The headquarters of the Diario Madrid Foundation were the site where the APE and Casa Árabe held a seminar as part of the ongoing project “Iraqi Voices”, which also included an exhibition of photographs of the conflict taken by Iraqi photographers shown at the same venue.

The Seminar was split into two round tables and one conference. The former featured Spanish analysts and journalists **Joan Roura**, of TV3, **Zuhair al-Jazeera**, Iraqi Voices Press Agency, **Miguel Ángel Aguilar**, of the APE, **Hanaa Edwards G. Busha**, of AL-AMAL, **Kamoudi J. Hamoud**, from the Baghdad film school, **Juan Coderque**, of the International Red Cross Committee (CICR), and **Gema Martín Muñoz**, Director of Casa Árabe. The latter was given by **Joost Hiltermann**, Coordinator for the Middle East of the International Crisis Group

“International Intervention and the New Nuclear Proliferation”

XIX International Seminar on Security and Defence

14th and 15th June. Hilton Buenavista Hotel. Toledo

Organised by the APE with the cooperation of the Ministry of Defence, the Seminar this year analysed the impact of the culture of military intervention and the rise of new nuclear powers in the global balance of power today, their impact on Western democracies and the risks of entering a new nuclear arms race.

In the four debate sessions held analysed some of the most important military interventions of the past decade, starting with **Kosovo, Afghanistan, Lebanon and Iraq**, to then move on to the risks and likelihoods of an international or unilateral intervention in **Iran**.



Miguel Ángel Aguilar, Celia Abenza, Fernando Lamata and Diego Carcedo

The first round table, titled “*Kosovo: a Pyrrhic victory?*” saw a fascinating debate between **Jiri Dienstbier**, former Czechoslovakian Foreign Affairs Minister and UN special rapporteur for the state of human rights in the former Yugoslavia, **Josep Piqué**, former Spanish Minister of Foreign Affairs, **Javier Conde de Saro**, former Spanish Ambassador to NATO, and **General Juan Martínez-Esparza**, former deputy Secretary General of NATO. The debate was moderated by **Javier Fernández Arribas**, News Director at Punto Radio and a veteran reporter through the successive conflicts in the Balkans.



Josep Piqué Martínez-Esparza Jiri Dienstbier Conde de Saro Fernández Arribas

This session was followed by a debate between deputy US Ambassador to Spain, **Hugo Llorens**, *La Vanguardia* diplomatic correspondent **Xavier Batalla**, diplomat and writer **José María Ridao**, and New York University Security Analyst **Robert Matthews**, in which the swamping down of the international mission despite the international agreement and consensus in taking action was the main focus. This debate was moderated by Spanish Defence Ministry analyst **Jorge Aspizua**.

The afternoon signalled the beginning of a debate titled “*Iraq and Lebanon, the exhaustion of conventional deterrence*”, which revolved around the limits of conventional deterrence in these two conflicts and whether this has been instrumental in the return to the forefront of nuclear technology in the lingo of defence analysis. Former Israeli Minister of Foreign Affairs **Shlomo Ben Ami**, Spanish Army Joint Chief of Staff **Admiral José María Terán Elices**, Secretary General of the International Advisory Council of Repdol YPF and former director of the Spanish Intelligence Services (CNI) **Jorge Decallar**, and **Robert Matthews** participated in this debate which was presented and moderated by Cadena SER Iraq correspondent **Olga Rodríguez**.



Olga Rodríguez Shlomo Ben Ami Jorge Decallar Robert Matthews José María Terán Elices

The second day’s debate, held under the title of “*Irán: beyond conventional deterrence?*”, gave speakers the chance to analyse the international community’s growing concern regarding Teheran’s nuclear aspirations, as well as the Iranian

government's reactions to the American presence in the neighbouring countries of Iraq and Afghanistan.



Shlomo Ben Ami Michael Portillo Felipe Sahagún Leopoldo Stampa Miguel Ángel Aguilar

Former Israeli Minister of Foreign Affairs **Shlomo Ben Ami**, former UK Secretary of State for Defence and shadow Defence Minister **Michael Portillo**, Former Spanish Ambassador to Iran **Leopoldo Stampa** and Member of “El Mundo”’s Editorial Board **Felipe Sahagún**, expressed their opinions on the matter in a debate chaired by Secretary General of the APE, **Miguel Ángel Aguilar**.

“Disenchantment and Populism”

XIX Seminar on Central Europe

Palacio de Miramar, San Sebastián, 9th to 13th July 2007

The 19th edition of the Association’s Seminar on Central Europe, kindly sponsored by Spanish bank **LA CAIXA**, focused on a worrying development in the region, the increased relevance of populist political parties and social movements in Central Europe and its immediate neighbours. Though the region is in no way alone in this development (we need look no further than France’s Front National or Belgium’s Vlaams Belang), the relative youth of its democracies making it an especially interesting and, arguably, worrying phenomenon.



Andrzej Jonas Pavol Demes Martin Simeka Jacques Rupnik

The first of the debate sessions, titled **Without the fervour of the newcomer: The ‘re-nationalisation’ of policies**, saw **Martin Simecka**, Editor in Chief of “Respekt” Czech News Weekly, **Pavol Demes**, Director for Central and Eastern Europe, German Marshall Fund of the United States in Bratislava and Former Minister of Foreign

Affairs, Slovakia.; **Andrzej Jonas**, director of “The Warsaw Voice”, Poland and **Jacques Rupnik**, Research Director at CERI, debate why an active participation and involvement in the European Construction process has been visibly lacking in the Central European members of the Union in recent times, to the point that some would even venture that, in fact, quite the opposite is the case, for the Visegrad countries have contributed to the current standstill with a far from constructive attitude.



Martin Simecka Adam Michnik Juraj Alner Jozsef Horvath Jirina Dienstbierova Jose Comas

The second debate, **The media as the catalysts of hostility**, analysed the increasing relevance of populisms in the political discourse that has been accompanied by a change of tone in the public sphere and democratic debate, and how the polarisation of the political representatives is mirrored in the media, where more aggressive positions are gradually taken and consensual attitudes are abandoned. **Martin Simecka**, Editor in Chief of “Respekt” News Weekly, **Adam Michnik**, Director de Gazeta Wiborcza, **Juraj Alner**, Secretary General of AEJ-Slovakia, **József Horváth**, Secretary General, AEJ-Hungary and **Jirina Diensbierova**, Sociologist from the Czech Republic, were the speakers of a debate moderated by **José Comas**, of El País..



Jerzy Osiatynski Attila Batha Rafael Pampillón Clemente Auger Luis Aspe M.A. Noceda

The third of the debates revolved around **the Euro, markets and investments**, and saw **Jerzy Osiatynski**, former Polish Minister of Finance and Planification, **Attila Batha**, Analyst for the Macroeconomics Institute of Kopint-Tárki in Hungary, Professor **Rafael Pampillón**, of the Instituto de Empresa, former president of the Spanish Magistrates **Clemente Auger**, **Luis Aspe** of La Caixa and **Miguel Ángel Noceda** of El País, debate the reasons why many European businesses are investing in Central Europe, be it through purchases, alliances with local companies or the relocation of production facilities. Special attention was given to Spanish business, which has a relevant role in this process, and is pioneering some of the transformations through which Central European economies are going.



Jiri Dienstbier Adam Michnik Andrzej Jonas Lenka Prochazkova Tomas Vrba

The fourth debate, titled, **the Czech Republic and Poland: Charter 77 in its 30th anniversary Vs. the communist “witch hunt” in Poland**, analysed the merits towards achieving a national integration and social peace of Charter 77 in Czechoslovakia and the contrast of this attitude with the current process currently visible in Central Europe and, especially, in Poland, where the Kaczynski twins’ ruling party directs its efforts towards a ‘witch hunt’, through which to ‘purge’ the public space of those who cooperated with the Communist regime. *Jiri Dienstbier*, former Czech Minister of Foreign Affairs, *Adam Michnik*, Director of Gazeta Woborcza, *Andrzej Jonas*, director of “The Warsaw Voice”, Poland, *Tomas Vrba*, Former President of the Board at Czech News Agency CTK and *Lenka Prochazkova*, Czech writer and diplomat.



Jerzy Osiatynski Péter krekó J.M.Ridao I. Mendez de Vigo Diego Carcedo

The final debate of the seminar analysed the impact of populism in European democratic institutions under the title of **A populist group in the European Parliament?**. The premise of the debate was that new incorporations to the Union allowed for increased populist presence, as Romania and Bulgaria accounted for no less than 6 of the 20 MEPs necessary for the formation of “Identity, Tradition and Sovereignty” as a parliamentary group in the European Chamber. Said group, which was to be presided by the French parliamentarian Bruno Gollnisch of Le Pen’s *Front National* (FN) will be formed by seven members of the FN, five Romanians from the *Romania Mare* party, three Belgians from the secessionist Flemish *Vlaams Belang*, two Italians (one of them being Benito Mussolini’s grand daughter Alessandra), one Austrian from Jorg Haider’s FPÖ a British Independent and a Bulgarian from *Attack*. **Jerzy Osiatynski**, former Polish Minister of Finance and Planification, **Péter Krékó**; Senior Analyst at Political Capital think tank in Budapest, **José María Ridao**, Writer and diplomat, **Iñigo Méndez de Vigo**. MEP and European Convention Member were moderated by **Diego Carcedo**, President of the AEJ.

“Turkey at Europe’s door”

El Escorial, 4-6 July 2007

The perspective of Turkey’s entrance into the European Union has become one of the most central issues in the debate on the future of Europe. The fact is that Turkey already has a great presence in Europe, in its social and economic life, in many European institutions, in the history of the continent, in the nearly 4 million Turkish immigrants in Europe and even in its sport competitions. Conversely, the influence of Europe in Turkey as a whole and in its political, economic and social advances can hardly be defined as anything but enormous. Through a series of debates, this seminar, organised by the APE in co-operation with Casa Árabe, scrutinised the influences of Europe on Turkey, of Turkey on Europe and of the political, social and economic impact of integration on the Union and on Turkey.

Speakers included **Gema Martín Muñoz**, Director of Casa Árabe, **Francisco Veiga** of the Universidad de Barcelona, **Álvaro Gil-Robles**. Former Human Rights Commissioner of the Council of Europe, **Fernando Nogales**, Deputy director General for Eastern Europe of the Spanish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, **Alberto Rubio** of newspaper La Razón, **Gonzalo Escribano**, Professor at UNED, **Eduard Soler** from Fundación CIDOB, **Mustafa Akyol** of the Turkish Daily News, **Saâd Eddine el Othmani**. President of the Party for Justice and development in Morocco, **Soli Ozel** IR Professor at Biligi University, **Semih Idiz** of Milliyet newspaper, **Abdülhamit Bilici**, Director of Zaman Gazetesi newspaper, **Xavier Batalla** of La Vanguardia, or **Henk Boom**, Spain Correspondent for Het Financial Dagblad and Tijd.

“Great Spanish Journalists”

El Escorial, 27.28 June 2007

In a course designed to illustrate students at the Summer school of El Escorial regarding the style, impact and human qualities of some of the greatest Spanish journalists of recent times, the APE organised a series of meetings and debates around the figures of **Carlos Luis Álvarez “Cándido”**, **Luis Carandell**, **Felipe Mellizo**, **Carmen Rico Godoy**, **Manuel Vázquez Montalbán** or cartoonists **“El Perich”** and **“Chúmy Chúmez”**.





Fellow journalists, university professors, friends and family members alike joined into a debate regarding the strengths and legacy of these prominent members of the profession. Speakers included **Jesús Pardo, Miguel Ángel Gozalo, Manuel Vicent, Vicente Verdú, Faustino Fernández, Fernando Pajares, Enrique Vázquez, Eduardo Sotillos, Nativel Preciado, Juby Bustamante, Francisco Giménez Alemán, Pablo Sebastián, Antonio Franco, Julio Feo, Carlos Díaz Güell o Pedro Páramo, Mari Cruz Seoane, Víctor Márquez Reviriego, Luis de Lezama, “Forges”, “El Roto” or Máximo.**



IV.- PRIZES**XXIII Francisco Cerecedo Journalism Prize**

20th November 2007. Hotel Ritz, Madrid

Sylvain Cypel, of Le Monde, was the winner of the Cerecedo award for journalistic excellence 2006. Cypel, apart from a long and successful career as a middle East correspondent and analyst, was granted the award for the publication of his outstanding book, *les Emmurés*, in which he analyses the conflict with a supreme detachment and incisively critical look, proposing new ways of looking at the conflict and stressing the importance of understanding the realities of both sides and taking them into account when searching for solutions.



In his acceptance speech, Cypel highlighted the influence of the thought of philosopher Hannah Arendt in his vision of the conflict, of how analysis and reflection must be based on fact, and of how this constant return to an original fact helped Arendt be so incisive and profound in her studies on the roots of totalitarianism and the “banality of evil”.

The award was presented to Cypel by H.R.H the Prince of Asturias, who congratulated Cypel and dedicated kind words of remembrance and affection to the recently deceased Carlos Luis Álvarez, *Cándido*, President of the Spanish Section of the AEJ.

XIII Salvador de Madariaga European Journalism Prize*9 de mayo de 2007. Palacio de Ferias y Congresos. Málaga*

H.R.H the Infanta Doña Cristina, presented the XIII “Salvador de Madariaga” European Journalism Prize to **José Comas**, of “El País”, **José Miguel Azpíroz**, of “Punto Radio” and **Pilar Requena**, of TVE in a ceremony held at Málaga’s Palacio de Ferias y Congresos.



La Infanta Cristina posa junto a los premiados y los miembros del jurado tras la entrega de los premios

The winners were elected by a jury presided by **José María Gil Robles** and composed of **Diego Carcedo, Stefan Weckbach, Xavier Batalla, Bernardo Díaz Nosty, Ignacio Martínez García, María Vela Zanetti, Ramón Lobo, Catalina Luca de Tena, Ángel Expósito, José Antonio Marcos, Vicente Vallés, Rosa María Veloso, José Antonio Guardiola, César González Antón, Mercedes Fonseca y Ana Pastor (Vocales)** and **Fernando Carbajo, José Luis González Vallvé and Miguel Ángel Aguilar** as secretaries without vote.

José Comas, winner of the press category, declared that receiving this prize in a very complicated moment of his life filled him with joy. He also felt great pride that a jury formed by respected colleagues had chosen to distinguish his career of 30 years and his newspaper, “El País”, “which is currently besieged by very important political pressures”.



La Infanta Cristina entrega el premio a José Comas

José Miguel Azpiroz confessed himself “overwhelmed” by his election as winner of the radio prize, and remembered that his first professional steps were taken in Málaga, 39 years before, in Radio Popular. “Radio has taken me to the scene of many wars and conflicts”, he said, “and they have taught me how to appreciate my luck and life in general, so I have much to thank for”



José Miguel Azpiroz recibe el premio de manos de la Infanta

Pilar Requena, dedicated the TV award, amongst others, to her colleagues at Spanish broadcaster in RTVE who “are leaving the company through advanced retirement”. She claimed that Europe was not “in crisis”, but rather that it needed of a “renewal and reforms” that will allow for “a social and political Europe that goes beyond economics and free circulation”.



La Infanta Cristina entrega el “Madariaga” a Pilar Requena

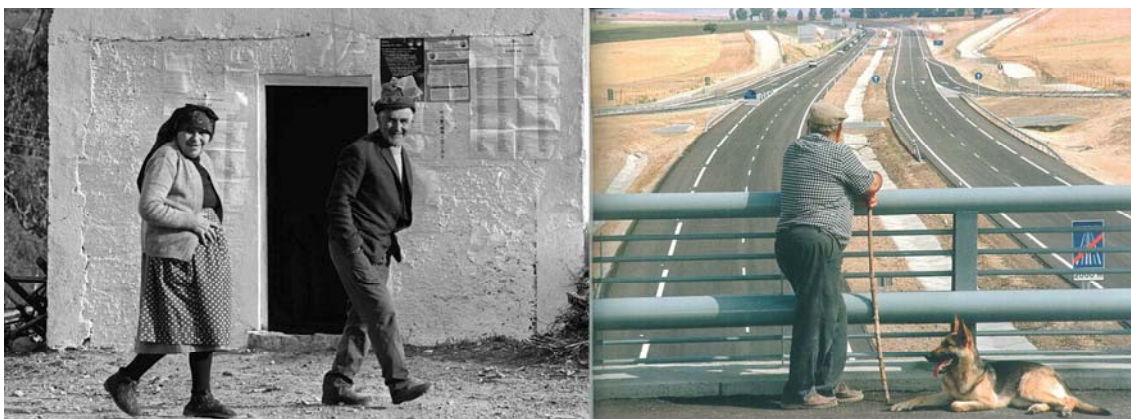
The Salvador de Madariaga prize is awarded for outstanding reporting in European affairs by the Association of European Journalists and the Spanish offices of the EU Commission and European Parliament.

V.- EXHIBITIONS

Portugal and Spain, 20 years of European Integration

December 2006-January 2007 Parliament of Cantabria. Santander

Organised by the Asociación de Periodistas Europeos and the Regional government and Parliament of Cantabria, this exhibition offers a look at the changes and transformations that Spain and Portugal have experienced through 20 years of European integration, as well as pictures commemorating some of the most relevant events in that story through the years, such as the arrival of European troops in Bosnia, the fall of the Berlin wall, the Seville and Lisbon Expos or the signing of the entrance treaties.



The exhibition also includes a selection of 24 editorial cartoons taken from the press through the years that offer a humorous take on European affairs and the covers of all the main newspaper covers on the day that the Spain and Portugal signed the entrance treaty.

Portugal and Spain, 20 years of European Integration

March-April. Universidad de Oviedo. Asturias

From Cantabria, the exhibition travelled to Oviedo, where it remained from March to April.

The Association this time had the generous support of the Directorate General for External Action and European Affairs of the Asturias Regional Government and of the University of Oviedo.

Portugal and Spain, 20 years of European Integration

October- November 2006. Cáceres. Extremadura

And before Cantabria, the exhibition enjoyed a two-month stay in the province of Cáceres, thanks to the sponsorship of the Regional Government of Extremadura.

Madrid at a walk. Photographs from Diario Madrid. 1926 -1971

12th de March to 29th April 2007. Fundación Diario Madrid

The Asociación de Periodistas Europeos, the Cultural Office of the Madrid Regional Government and the Diario Madrid Foundation organised the exhibition which, under the title of Madrid at a walk, brought together one hundred and seventy photos of the city of Madrid and its surrounding areas taken for national daily Diario Madrid between 1926 and 1971, one year before it was closed down by the Franco regime.

The exhibition was inaugurated by the President of the Madrid Regional Government, Ms. **Esperanza Aguirre**. On 12th March



The picture selection shows the growth and change of a city that has changed from being, as Nobel Prize winner Camilo José Cela called it “an oversized village from La Mancha, something between Navalcarnero and Kansas City”, to becoming one of Europe’s largest and most vibrant cultural and economic capitals.



Among the authors of the photographs we find many of Spain’s most important graphic artists of the time, such as Díaz Casariego, Campúa, Luque, Anguita, Barahona, Urech or Wagner.

The exhibition is structured into four themes: “Madrid grows”, “Commerce”, “Common people and streets” and “Stars and public figures”. Each of these is introduced with a literary text specially written for the occasion by Bernardo Yncenga, Almudena Grandes, Clemente Auger and Nativel Preciado.



A catalogue with reproductions of the pictures, the texts and additional texts by **Ricardo Aroca, Miguel Herrero de Miñón, Luis Carandell, Esperanza Aguirre, Miguel Ángel Aguilar and Miguel Gómez.**

Voices from Iraq

7-22 June. Fundación del Diario Madrid

The APE, in co-operation with Casa Árabe and the Fundación Diario Madrid organised the exhibition “*Voices from Iraq*”, a selection of pictures taken in Iraq by local photographers from the “Aswat al Iraq” agency, the first independent, commercially viable news agency in the country.

The show includes 92 pictures taken all over the country by the young photographers of the agency, which is run and composed exclusively of Iraqis. The agency was originally created with the support of the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) and the Spanish Agency for International Co-operation (AECI), who were later joined in their support by the EU and Reuters Foundation.



The photograph selection was undertaken by Aswat al Iraq reporters themselves, and mainly show images rarely seen in the media, namely of the daily lives of Iraqis and of the consequences felt by civilians as a result of the conflict.

Journalists in the Parliament . Portrait gallery*14-30 June. Spanish Parliament. Madrid*

Their Royal Majesties King Don Juan Carlos and Queen Doña Sofía officially inaugurated the portrait gallery “Journalists in the Parliament” on 14th June.

As part of the act commemorating the 30th anniversary of the first post-Franco Democratic elections in Spain of 15th June 1977, the Association of European Journalists and the Spanish Parliament commissioned a selection of Spain’s most important political cartoonists with the task of producing a series of portraits of historically relevant parliamentary reporters.



Benito Pérez Galdós

Julio Camba

Wenceslao Fernández Flórez

Blanco White

The selection of the journalists to be honoured in this fashion was undertaken by a panel composed of some of Spain’s most prominent historians: **José Álvarez Junco, Juan Pablo Fusi, Santos Juliá, Víctor Márquez Reviriego, Charles Powell, and Mari Cruz Seoane.**



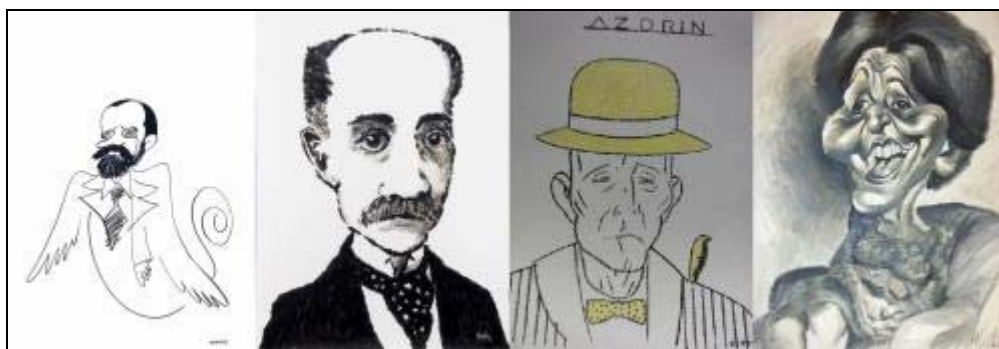
Josep Pla

Fernando Cañamaque

Ramón Campoamor

Indalecio Prieto

The Committee chose to limit its selection to journalists writing in the period that ran from Spain’s first democratic parliamentary experience, the Cortes de Cadiz in 1812, to the outbreak of the Spanish Civil War in 1936. The final selection was: **José María Blanco White, Francisco Cañamaque, Mariano José de Larra, Leopoldo Alas “Clarín”, Benito Pérez Galdós, José Martínez Ruiz “Azorín”, Julio Camba, Ramón Campoamor, Margarita Nelken, Isidoro Fernández Flórez “Fernanflor”, Indalecio Prieto, Fermín Caballero, Josefina Carabias, Wenceslao Fernández Flórez and Josep Pla.**

*Leopoldo Alas "Clarín"**"Fernanflor"**Azorín**Josefina Carabias*

The portraits were painted by **Alfredo, Ballesta, El Roto, Gallego & Rey, Idígoras y Pachi, Kap, Krahn, Mingote, Peridis, Ricardo, Sciammarella, Siro, Turcios, Vizcarra and Zulet.**

The portraits remained hung at a temporary exhibition on the role of the press in Spanish democracy at the Parliament until the end of June, moment after which they have been relocated to the press area of the parliament, to remain there permanently.

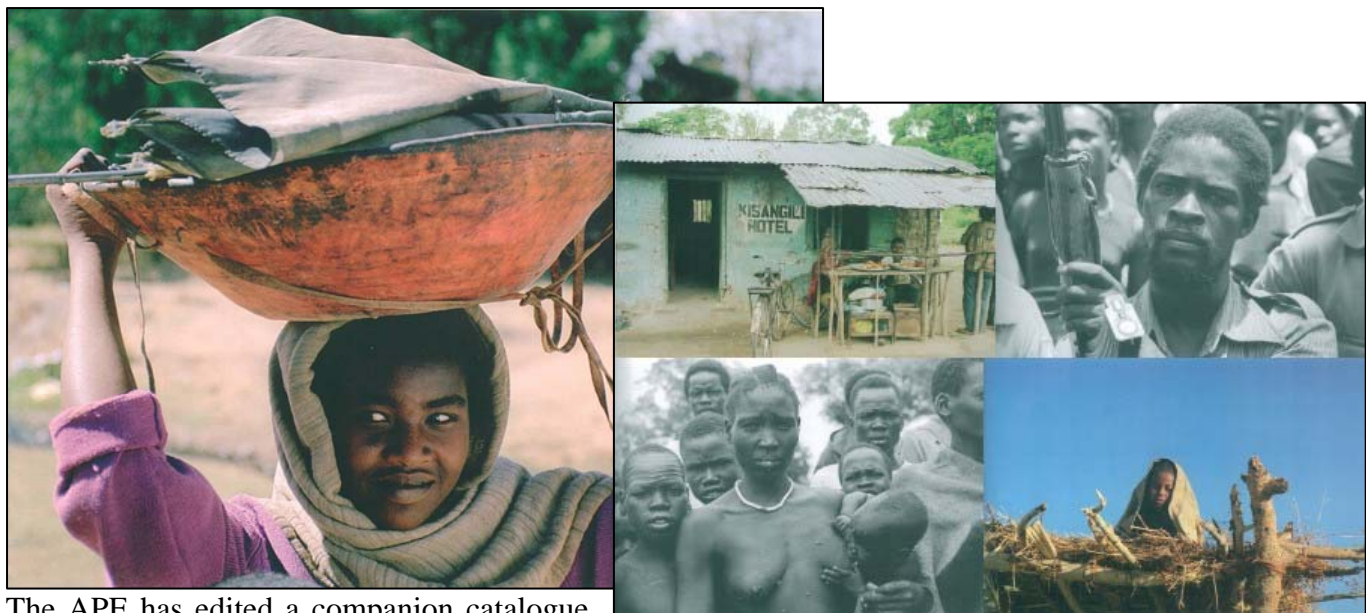
A catalogue including the portraits, brief biographies of the journalists and self-portraits of the cartoonists has been edited as a companion to the exhibition.

*Mariano José de Larra**Fermín Caballero**Margarita Nelken*

A Gaze at Africa. Photographs by Ryszard Kapuscinski (1962-2000)

May-June 2007. Palacio de Garcigrande. Salamanca

Since it was first hung in Oviedo, to coincide with the eminent Polish journalist's award of the Prince of Asturias Prize in 2003, this exhibition has rotated to the Madrid Book Fair, and the Mediterranean cities of Murcia and Alicante. The next stop for this selection of 75 pictures taken during Kapuscinski's travels in Africa as a correspondent has found another temporary home in Salamanca's Palacio de Garcigrande, thanks to the Sponsorship of Caja Duero.



The APE has edited a companion catalogue to the exhibition, which includes all 75 photographs and a prologue by writer and diplomat ***Jose María Ridao***.

VI.- CORPORATE ACTIVITIES

Audience with their Royal Highnesses the Princes of Asturias *Palacio de La Zarzuela. Madrid, 27th March 2007*

Their Royal Highnesses the Princes of Asturias received the Directing Council of the Association of European Journalists on 27th March, on occasion of the APE's 25th anniversary and the edition of a book summarising its activities in that quarter of a century.



The Princes receive the book 25 Years of the APE

During these 25 years the Association, whose honorary President is the Prince of Asturias, has organised over 900 activities, which include 544 off the record meetings with the press, 176 seminars and conference cycles, 35 prizes (23 Francisco de Cerecedo and 12 Salvador de Madariaga), 35 exhibitions, 88 books and publications and 3 International Congresses.



Los Príncipes de Asturias posan en La Zarzuela con el Consejo Director de la APE

The Directing Council is composed of its President, **Diego Carcedo**, its first Vice-President, **Montserrat Domínguez**, its Second Vice-President, **Xavier Batalla**, its Secretary General, **Miguel Ángel Aguilar**, its treasurer, **José Vicente de Juan**, And its vocals

Ángeles Bazán, Jesús Ceberio, Jorge del Corral, Ernesto Estévez, Javier Fernández Arribas, Francisco G. Basterra, Francisco Giménez-Alemán, Ángel Gonzalo, Walter Haubrich, Carlos Humanes, Catalina Luca de Tena, Javier Martín Domínguez, Ignacio Martínez, José Oneto, Margarita Sáenz Díez, Felipe Sahagún and Juan Pedro Valentín.

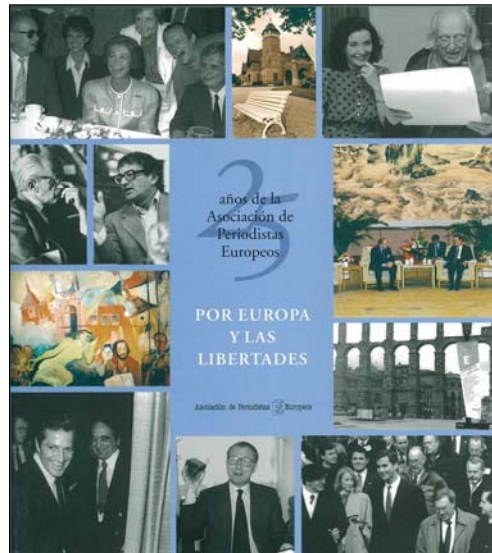
VII.- PUBLICATIONS

“For Europe and its liberties. 25 years of the Asociación de Periodistas Europeos”

APE. 2007. 561 Pages

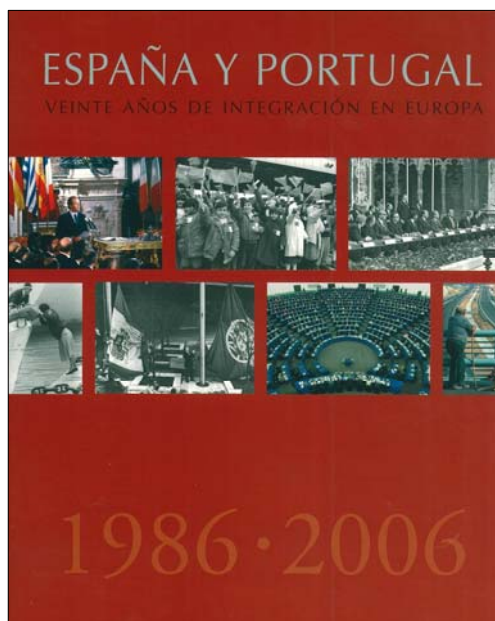
Edited in commemoration of the 25th anniversary of the Spanish section of the Association, this publication summarises its activities during the past 25 years, which include 544 off the record meetings with the press, 176 seminars and conference cycles, 35 prizes (23 Francisco de Cerecedo and 12 Salvador de Madariaga), 35 exhibitions, 88 books and publications and 3 International Congresses.

The volume also includes texts by our recently deceased founding president, **Carlos Luis Álvarez “Cándido”** and **Miguel Ángel Aguilar**.



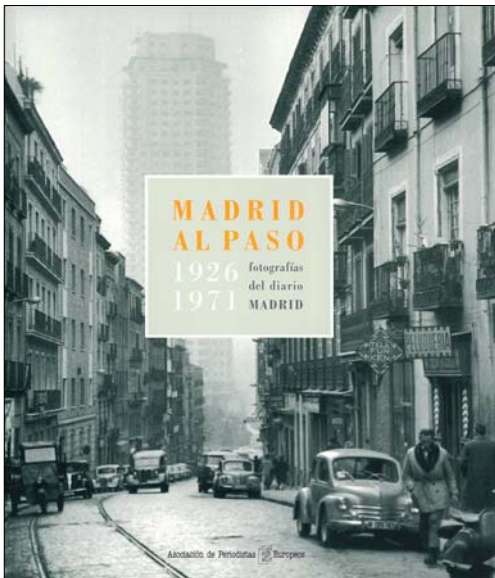
“Portugal and Spain, Twenty Years of European Integration”. Cantabria

APE. 2007. 339 Pages



A compilation of the 134 photograph that were part of the exhibition of the same name hung at the Parliament of Cantabria, overlooking the changes experienced by these countries thanks to their incorporation into the European project paying special attention to the day that the entrance treaties were signed (12th June 1985) in Madrid and Lisbon.

The book includes texts by the Spanish President, **José Luis Rodríguez Zapatero**, the Portuguese Prime Minister, **José Sócrates**, The (then) President of the European Parliament, **Josep Borrell**, the Vice-president of Cantabria **Dolores Gorostiaga** and **Miguel Ángel Palacio**, President of the Cantabrian Parliament.

“Madrid at a walk. Photographs from Diario Madrid. 1926 -1971”*APE. Madrid, 2007. 357 Pages*

This volume contains the 170 photographs of Madrid and its surroundings to be found in the exhibition of the same name and originally published in “Heraldo de Madrid” and in “Madrid, Diario de la noche” between 1926 and 1971.

Each of the tour themes of the exhibition, “Madrid grows”, “Commerce”, “Common people and streets” and “Stars and public figures”, has a literary introduction written by **Bernardo Yncenga, Almudena Grandes, Clemente Auger y Nativel Preciado**.

This aside, the book contains two introductions written by **Ricardo Aroca y Miguel Herrero de Miñón**, and an epilogue taken from the writings of writer and journalist **Luis Carandell**. The book also contains texts by the President of the Madrid Regional Government, **Esperanza Aguirre**, the Secretary General of the APE, **Miguel Ángel Aguilar**, and the exhibitions commissary, **Miguel Gómez**.

Diario “Madrid”Collection*APE. Madrid, 2007*

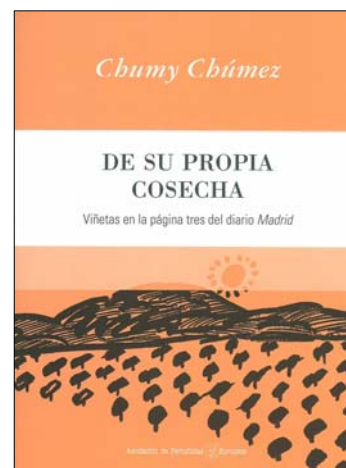
In commemoration of the 35th anniversary of the permanent closure of the Nacional Daily Diario Madrid at the hands of the Franco dictatorship, the Asociación de Periodistas Europeos, with the co-operation of the Culture and Arts Office of the Madrid Regional Government have rescued and compiled some of the most brilliant collaborations Publisher in the paper between 1967 and 1971.

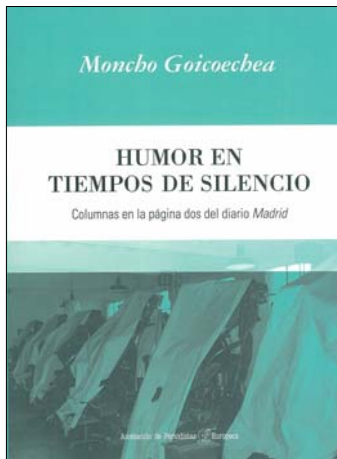
The collection is composed of 4 volumes:

“Of his own creation”*APE. Madrid, 2007. 378 Pages*

A selection of some of the best cartoons published by **Chumy Chúmez**, which appeared on the third page of the newspaper next to the Editorials and opinion columns. It includes texts by:

Felipe Hernández Cava, Miguel Ángel Gozalo, Jesús Pardo and Miguel Ángel Aguilar.





“Comedy in Times of Silence”

APE. Madrid, 2007. 269 Pages

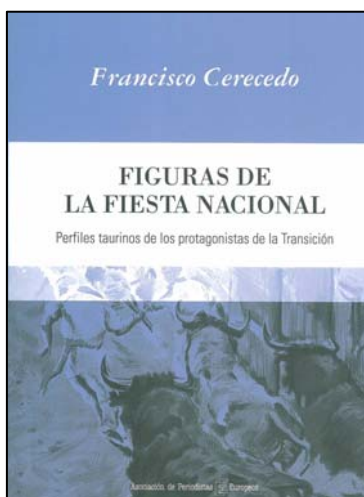
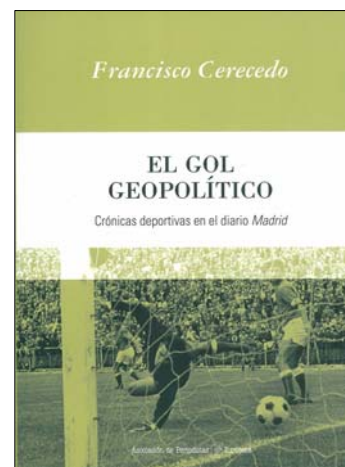
Compilation of the best columns written by Navarra-born journalist **Moncho Goicoechea** and published in the section “H for Humour” in the newspaper.

Introductory texts by **Rafael Moneo**, **Miguel Ángel Aguilar** and **Miguel Logroño** are also a feature.

“The Geopolitical Goal”

APE. Madrid, 2007. 499 Pages

Includes the best 100 football columns written by **Francisco Cerecedo** between 1968 and 1971. At a time when political commentary was out of the question, criticism, parody and sarcasm about the state of affairs in Spain was slyly slipped into seemingly less “relevant” pages of the paper by journalists that were brave and gifted enough to do so, such as **Francisco Cerecedo**. Introductory texts were written by **Alfredo Relaño** and **Juby Bustamante**.



“Figures of the National Festival”

APE. Madrid, 2007. 137 Pages

Re- publication of the book that compiles a series of reports signed by **Francisco Cerecedo** during the Festival of San Isidro in 1977, in which he wrote satirical profiles and biographies of the most relevant political leaders of the time in bullfighting terms.

Introductory texts by Cervantes prize winner **Francisco Umbral** and **Carlos Luis Álvarez “Cándido”**.

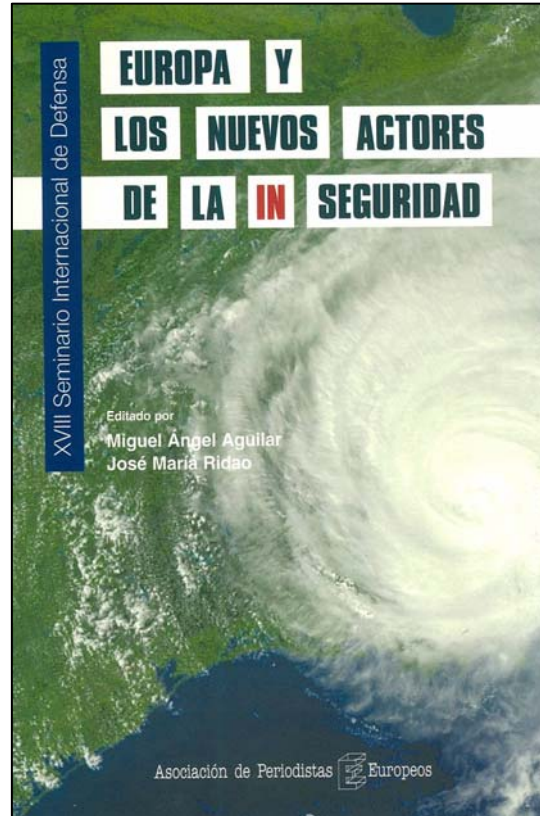
“Europe and the New Actors of (In) Security”

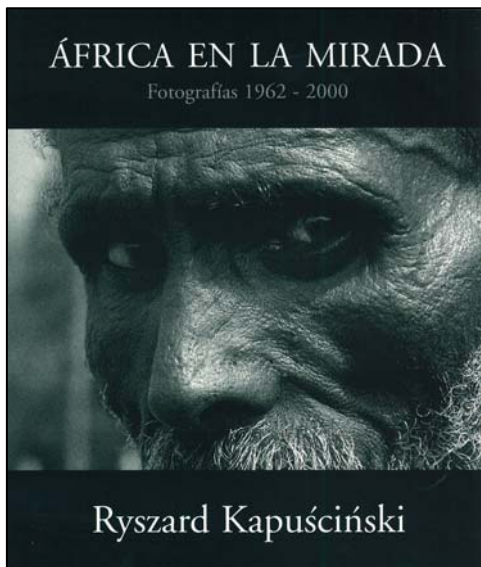
APE. Madrid, 2006. 322Pages

Edited transcription of the debates and speeches of the XIX International Seminar on Security and Defence, held in Toledo on 22nd and 23rd June 2006.

The debated subjects included the role of armies in Latin America, the threat posed by failed states in Africa, the political and military awakening of Asian giants such as China, India and Iran or the waning influence of Western democracies on the global order.

Speakers included **José Antonio Alonso**, Spanish Minister for Defence, **José María Barreda**, President of Castilla – La Mancha, **Bernardino León**, Secretary of State for External Relations and Latin America, **Edward Luttwak**, Senior Analyst at CSIS, Washington, **José Viegas Filho**, former Brazilian Minister of Defence, **Alberto Navarro**, Secretary of State for the EU, **Juan Antonio Martínez-Esparza**, former Deputy Secretary General of NATO, **Bernard Cassen**, Director General of “Le Monde Diplomatique” and Honorary President of *Attac*, **Rafael Calduch**, International Relations Professor at the Universidad Complutense de Madrid, **Carlos Malamud**, head of the Latin America Department at Instituto Elcano, **Mabel González Bustelo**, head of the disarmament unit of Greenpeace Spain, **Ricardo Cayuela**, editorial director of “Letras Libres”, **Miguel Ángel Bastenier**, International Analyst for “El País”, **Roland Marchal**, of the Centre d’Études Internationales in Paris and editor of “Politique Africaine”, **Jean-Claude Willame**, Emeritus Professor of International Relations of the Université de Louvaine, **José María Ridaó**, writer and diplomat, **Felipe Sahagún**, of “El Mundo”, **Xavier Batalla**, of “La Vanguardia”, **Leopoldo Stampa**, director general for Institutional Relations of the Spanish Ministry of Defence and former ambassador to Iran, **Nick Fielding**, British journalist and terrorism and intelligence expert, and **Fernando Delage**, director of Casa Asia in Madrid.



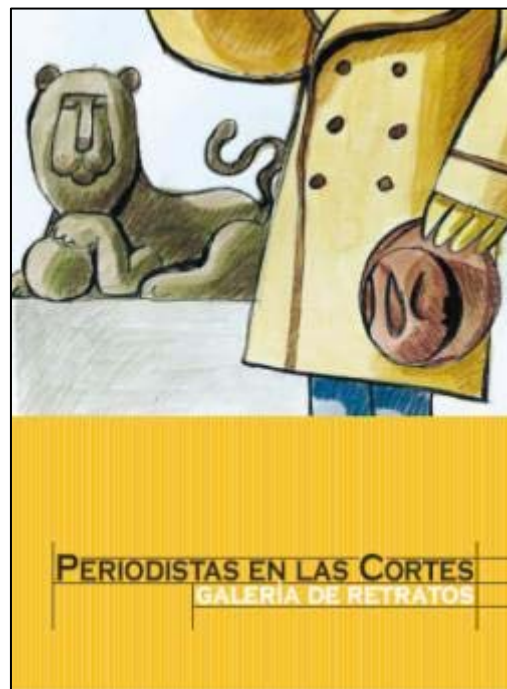
“A Gaze at Africa, Photographs by Ryszard Kapuscinski (1962-2000)”*APE. Madrid. 2007. 168 Pages*

Companion catalogue to the exhibition of the same, which includes 75 photographs taken by the Polish journalist during his travel through Africa from 1962 to 2000 and a prologue by writer and diplomat *Jose María Ridaó*.

“Journalists in the Parliament. Portrait gallery”*APE. Madrid, 2007*

The APE's latest publication compiles the portraits featured in the exhibition of the same name, which was open to the public in the celebrations commemorating the 25th anniversary of the first free elections in post-Franco Spain and which have become a permanent fixture at the Press area of the Spanish Parliament. Among the portraits we can find those of **Blanco White, Cañamaque, Larra, “Clarín”, Pérez Galdós, “Azorín”, Camba, Campoamor, Margarita Nelken, “Fernanflor”, Indalecio Prieto, Fermín Caballero, Josefina Carabias, Wenceslao Fernández Flórez y Josep Pla.**

The portraits have been painted by distinguished Spanish cartoonists, such as **Alfredo, Ballesta, El Roto, Gallego & Rey, Idígoras y Pachi, Kap, Krahn, Mingote, Peridis, Ricardo, Sciammarella, Siro, Turcios, Vizcarra y Zulet.**



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