

W!RE Women
in Resistance

Memory

ROUTE'S

LAST STOP,

Academic CONFERENCE

**FINAL
EVENT**

28-31 October 2024

Barcelona,
Spain



About

WIRE

When analysing **collective narratives and imaginaries about anti-totalitarian resistance in Europe**, one issue that stands out is the scant attention paid to the role of women. With notable exceptions, the Resistance appears as “something men do”, and women play a secondary and subsidiary role. The two-year EU funded WIRE project aims to place the role of women -both as agents and as victims- at the centre of present-day historical narratives of anti-totalitarian resistance in Europe, to help reshape historical memory and the values associated with it.

The WIRE consortium is formed by the [Autonomous University of Barcelona](#) (UAB - coordinator), and [Memorial Democràtic](#) (MEMO), from Spain; the [Villa Decius Association](#) (Vila Decius) from Poland;

the [Scuola di Pace di Monte Sole](#) (Monte Sole), in Italy; and the [Contemporary Social History Archives](#) (ASKI), in Greece.

WIRE activities aim to link the academic knowledge on the role of women in resistance movements and the promotion of historical awareness among the public. Participants will identify women in various resistance movements in Europe and reconstruct their memories to make them publicly known.

Our final aim is to contribute to academic and public knowledge of the history and memory of women’s participation in anti-totalitarian resistance in Europe.

Agenda

The Memory

ROUTE in Catalonia: Memory in the Walking

Welcome to the final stop of the WIRE's **Memory Route!**

After travelling through the powerful stories of resistance in Greece, Poland and Italy, it's time to bring it all together here in Catalonia.

This final destination, called **Memory in the Walking**, will deepen our understanding of women's resistance during the Spanish Civil War and in the post-war period.

As we walk through Catalonia, we'll visit the Exile Memorial Museum in La Jonquera and explore the spaces where women played a crucial role in resisting tyranny.

This final station is an opportunity for you to reflect on the incredible journey we've made together and to prepare for the closing event. Let's take the insights and inspiration we've gathered and bring these stories to life as we conclude this meaningful exploration of memory and resistance.

Monday 28 October 2024

10h Participants arrival in Barcelona.

13h **Lunch**

15h **Discussion with members of the Associació Catalana de Persones Expresses Polítiques del Franquisme** on the political repression of women during the Franco dictatorship.

*Comissions Obreres de Catalunya (CCOO).
[Via Laietana, 16, Ciutat Vella, 08003 Barcelona](#)*

17h30 **Spanish Civil War tour in Barcelona**

The tour covers topics such as anarchism, the International Brigades, bombing and the realities of daily life for women and children in Barcelona during the Spanish Civil War, visiting some of the key sites in the Gothic Quarter and La Rambla.

21h **Dinner**

*Residència d'Estudiants Campus Mar.
([Passeig Salvat Papasseit, 4, Barcelona](#))*

Tuesday 29 October 2024

9-20h **MUME trip.**

7h30 Departure from Barcelona.

10h Arrival in La Vajol: Introduction to the Spanish Republican Exile.

10h30 Visit to the Mina Canta Memorial.

11h Walk to Coll de Lli: Explanation of La Retirada and the Spanish Republican Exile, and description of the life stories of the Spanish women in exile from the WIRE project.

12h30 Picnic lunch.

13h30 Departure from La Vajol.

14h Arrival at the MUME and presentation of the space.

14h30 Workshop on Spanish women in exile

17h Return to Barcelona

20h Arrival at the Residència d'Estudiants Campus Mar.

21h **Dinner**

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Agenda

Wednesday 30 October 2024

Academic CONFERENCE

Museu d'Història de Catalunya
([Placa de Pau Vila, 3 Barcelona](#))

9h Welcome

9h30 **Opening Conference**

Prof. Javier Rodrigo
Autonomous University of Barcelona,
UAB. IP WIRE Project

10h Coffee break

10h30 **Conference**

Experts on women's antifascist struggle and gender history will analyze the current state of transnational studies on war, resistance, gender and violence and will highlight the diversity of women's resistance and the violence they suffered.

- **Spain:** Mercedes Yusta. Université Paris 8
- **Greece:** Tasoula Vervenioti. Historian
- **Italy:** Roberta Mira. University of Bologna
- **Poland:** Barbara Klich-Kluczewska. Jagiellonian University

13h30 Lunch

14h **Conference**

Four Memory Routers will share the knowledge gained on women's resistance during a 4-month trip to Greece, Italy, Poland and Spain: 40 final year university students identified key themes in European history related to resistance to oppression and women's participation; researched life stories; walked where female resistance took place; and created narrative game scenarios.

16h **Concluding remarks**

Magdalini Fytili. UAB

Let's analyse together the current state of transnational studies on war, resistance, gender and violence, with the aim of demonstrating the diversity of women's resistance activities and the violence they suffered for their activities.

Theatre PLAY

El Born Centre de Cultura i Memòria
([Placa Comercial, 12. Barcelona](#))

18h30 **Theatre play: "Caure" (To fall)**

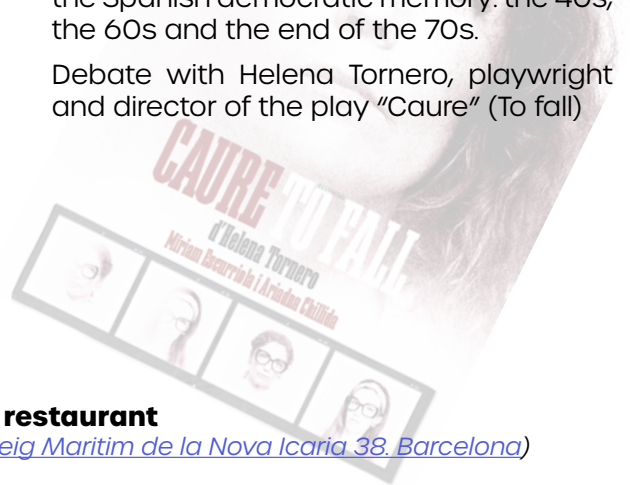
A journey through the life, facts and emotions of a woman who is many women at once; women who, like her, have suffered from the oblivion, silence or misrepresentation of their history. A stage battle with temporary jumps that will take us to the different years of the evolution of one of the darkest periods of the Spanish democratic memory: the 40s, the 60s and the end of the 70s.

20h Debate with Helena Tornero, playwright and director of the play "Caure" (To fall)

Xiroi restaurant

([Passeig Maritim de la Nova Icaria 38. Barcelona](#))

21h30 **Conference dinner**



Thursday 31 October 2024



Museu d'Història de Catalunya
(Plaça de Pau Vila, 3 Barcelona)

9h Welcome

9h30 **Open debate. Spotlight the Memory of Women in Resistance**

Representatives from the Autonomous University of Barcelona (UAB), Memorial Democràtic (MEMO), Villa Decius Association (VDA), Scuola di Pace di Monte Sole (Monte Sole) and Contemporary Social History Archives (ASKI) will explain how they have tried to raise awareness of the role of women in resistance in Europe, their memory and the values associated with it. This will be followed by an open debate in which the public will be invited to suggest further ways of bringing this knowledge to a wider audience through artistic, cultural and extracurricular activities.

11h Coffee-break



11h30 **Repository & Online Exhibition Release**

La Tempesta will present the repository of life stories of women whose lives were marked by their participation in resistance and the online exhibition, which has gathered all the materials and projects created as part of the Memory Route activities and local events. These include podcasts, narrative game scenarios, pedagogical dossiers, life stories book summaries, the Memory Route, academic articles and a theatrical play.

13h Lunch

14h30 **Farewell**





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