

EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

PROJECT	
Participant	[1] - [Autonomous University of Barcelona] ([UAB])
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Project name and acronym	Women in Resistance. Reshaping the narratives on Female Antitotalitarian Resistance in Europe – WIRE

EVENT DESCRIPTION	
Event number:	WP16_D16.2
Event name:	WP 16 ACADEMIC CONFERENCE
Type:	Public Event
In situ/online:	in-situ
Location:	Barcelona, Spain
Date(s):	30 October 2024
Website(s) (if any):	https://webs.uab.cat/wire/2024/09/16/wires-closing-events-in-barcelona/ https://webs.uab.cat/wire/2024/11/08/academic-conference-on-womens-resistance-in-europe/
Participants: UAB (personnel and 10 students); ASKI (personnel and 10 students); MONTESOLE (personnel and 10 students); VDA (personnel and 10 students); diverse public	
Female:	55
Male:	22
Non-binary:	1
From country 1 [Spain]:	39 participants
From country 2 [Italy]:	13 participants
From country 3 [Poland]:	13 participants
From country 4 [Greece]:	13 participants
Total number of participants:	78
	From total number of countries: 4
Description: Final Event	
<i>Provide a short description of the event and its activities.</i>	

The **WP17**, Final Event, was held in Barcelona, in conjunction with **WP16**, Academic Conference, to link the international academic activities showcasing the scientific results of WIRE with the Final Event of the Memory Route.

Specifically, on the first day (30 October), the Academic Conference (**WP16**) took place.

The first session focused on armed and unarmed resistance, featuring contributions from:

Javier Rodrigo (UAB). The opening lecture delivered by Javier Rodrigo focused on the percentage of women who participated in the resistance, highlighting that while women's involvement was substantial, it was simultaneously silenced for multiple reasons.

Mercedes Yusta (Université Paris 8). Yusta's presentation examined the historiographical renewal in the study of women's participation in the postwar anti-Franco armed resistance in Spain, a phenomenon long underappreciated despite its significant social and political impact on rural Spain.

Tasoula Vervenioti (historian). Vervenioti's presentation explored the multifaceted role of women in Greece during World War II, highlighting the fact that their contributions not only reshaped their societal roles but also transformed the political landscape of the resistance.

Roberta Mira (University of Bologna). Mira's presentation highlighted that despite women's significant contribution, post-war recognition of women's activism was limited, overshadowed by military criteria, societal norms, and their own tendency to frame their efforts as natural, personal actions rather than politically motivated ones.

Barbara Klich-Kluczevska (Jagiellonian University). Klich-Kluczevska's presentation emphasized that wartime conditions not only failed to undermine fundamental gender divisions but, in fact, reinforced them, since the female defender, despite being granted the status of a soldier, was primarily relegated to supportive roles.

and *Magda Fytily (UAB)*. Fytily's presentation highlighted the multifaceted and often overlooked contributions of women to resistance movements during the Second World War. By navigating and challenging entrenched societal norms, women not only contributed to liberation struggles but also catalyzed broader social transformations.

Notably, Mercedes Yusta, Tasoula Vervenioti, Roberta Mira, Barbara Klich-Kluczevska, and Magda Fytily are also contributors to the University Journal of Military History (RUHM) Special Issue: War, Female Resistance, and Gendered Violence in Europe.

During the second session, four student Memory Routers—one from each participating country—presented their individual findings and conclusions. <https://webs.uab.cat/wire/2024/11/08/academic-conference-on-womens-resistance-in-europe/>

Inclosed the program of the Academic Conference and some photos.

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28-31 October 2024
Barcelona,
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Agenda

Wednesday 30 October 2024

Academic CONFERENCE

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

9h Welcome

9h30 **Opening Conference**
Prof. Javier Rodrigo
Autonomous University of Barcelona, UAB. IP WIRE Project

10h30 **Conference**
Experts on women's antifascist struggle and gender history in Spain, Greece, Italy and Poland will analyze the current state of transnational studies on war, resistance, gender and violence and will highlight the diversity of women's resistance activities and the violence they suffered for their activities.

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

13h Lunch

14h **Conference**
Four Memory Routers will share the knowledge they gained about women's resistance during a 4-month trip to Greece, Italy, Poland and Spain: 40 final year university students identified some of the key themes in European history related to resistance to oppression and women's participation; researched women's life stories, walked where female resistance took place; and used these historical sites to create narrative game scenarios.

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
(Plaça Comercial, 12, Barcelona)

18h30 **Theatre play: "Caure" (To fall)**
A journey through the life, facts and emotions of a woman 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
(Cassalg Maritim de la Nova Ronda, 38, Barcelona)

21h30 **Conference dinner**

Thursday 31 October 2024

FINAL EVENT

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 Democratic (MEMO), Vila Decus 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.

11h30 Coffee-break

12h **Repository & Online Exhibi**
La Tempesta will present t of life stories of women who marked by their participation and the online exhibition, gathered all the materials created as part of the M activities and local events. 1 podcasts, narrative game pedagogical dossiers, life summaries, the Memory Rou articles and a theatrical play,

13h **Closing**

13h30 Lunch

14h30 Farewell

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WIRE's closing events in Barcelona



Speakers: Javier Rodrigo, Mercedes Yusta, Bárbara Klich-Kuczewska, Tasoula Vervenioti and Roberta Mira.



Memory Routers: Javier Rodrigo, UAB representative, ASKI representative, MONTESOLE representative, VDA representative.



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