

SOCIETY, POLITICS AND ECONOMY IN TODAY'S SPAIN

Number of sessions: 30

Length of each session: 1,5 h

Total length of the module: 45 hours

CONTENT

1. The Origin of the Spanish Political System: Franco's Dictatorship
 - 1.1. Political bases of the Regime and ideological evolution: from fascism to national Catholicism.
 - 1.2. Economical autarchy, migrations, exile and poverty
 - 1.3. Economical aperture, industrialisation and social changes.
 - 1.4. Rise of the opposition and economical crisis: towards the end of the Regime.
2. The Democratic Transition
 - 2.1. New leaders under Franco's rules
 - 2.2. Rupture or reform: agreeing a procedure for the Transition
 - 2.3. Economical crisis: social and political reforms agreed
 - 2.4. June 1977: first democratic elections.
3. The Constitution of 1978
 - 3.1. The elaboration of the Constitution
 - 3.2. The Monarchy
 - 3.3. The Government
 - 3.4. The Legislative power (Cortes Generales)
 - 3.5. The territorial structure of the State.
4. Political Parties
 - 4.1. Political cleavages and party system
 - 4.2. The Socialist Party (PSOE)
 - 4.3. The centrist UCD and its successor, the conservative People's Party (PP)
 - 4.4. The Communist Party (PCE) and its evolution into United Left (IU)
 - 4.5. The regionalist or nationalist parties.
5. Modernisation and European Integration
 - 5.1. The establishment of a Welfare State
 - 5.2. The negotiations and the access of Spain in the European Communities
 - 5.3. Economic and political reforms towards the convergence with Europe
 - 5.4. Spain in Europe (I): Active role as a medium power
 - 5.5. Spain in Europe (II): Reluctance to higher political integration
 - 5.6. From the axis Paris-Bonn to the axis London-Washington
 - 5.7. Towards a post-industrial society
 - 5.8. Economic growth, new poverty, social marginality and immigration.
6. Regional Tensions in the 25th Anniversary of the Constitution
 - 6.1. The situation in the Basque Country
 - 6.2. Claims for higher autonomy in Catalonia
 - 6.3. The problem of the national identities