

MARIE SKŁODOWSKA-CURIE POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIPS 2025
EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR HOSTING MARIE CURIE FELLOWS

HOST INSTITUTION

INSTITUTE OF CONTEMPORARY HISTORY, NOVA FCSH

RESEARCH GROUP AND URL

STEXEU (ERC), <https://cordis.europa.eu/project/id/101163723>

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SHORT CV OF THE SUPERVISOR

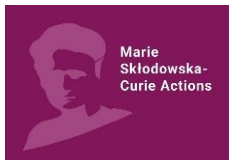
As of July 2021, Arturo Zoffmann Rodríguez is the PI of the Constitutional Road to Dictatorship ERC project (STEXEU), hosted by NOVA's Institute of Contemporary History (IHC). He has been based at the IHC since 2021, where he previously carried out a project on political violence in southern Europe in the 1910-30s as part of the CEEC-FCT programme. Before coming to Lisbon, he was based at the National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM), where he worked on a post-doctoral project on the connections between the Mexican and the Russian Revolutions. In 2019, he completed his PhD at the European University Institute in Florence. His thesis explored the impact of the Russian Revolution on the Spanish anarchist movement (published by Routledge in 2023). Previously, he obtained his MPhil at the University of Oxford and his BA at University College London.

5 SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- Arturo Zoffmann Rodríguez, 'Spanish *Pistolismo* and Labour Violence in Post-War Europe, 1917–1923', *Past and Present* (2025). <https://doi.org/10.1093/pastj/gtaf001>
- Arturo Zoffmann Rodríguez, 'Defend the Nation, Crush the People: Desertion and Civil War in Greek Macedonia, 1916–17', *Journal of Balkan and Near Eastern Studies* (2024). <https://doi.org/10.1080/19448953.2024.2414195>
- Arturo Zoffmann Rodríguez, 'National Interests and Local Loyalties: Desertion and Subversion across the Spanish-Portuguese Border, 1914–19', *The International History Review* (2024). <https://doi.org/10.1080/07075332.2024.2320221>
- Arturo Zoffmann Rodríguez, 'Neutrality and internationalism: the Russian exiles in Spain, 1914–20', *Contemporary European History* (2022). <https://doi.org/10.1017/S0960777321000461>
- Arturo Zoffmann Rodríguez & Juan Marinello Bonnefoy, 'Proletarian turf war: the rise and fall of Barcelona's Sindicatos Libres, 1919–23', *International Review of Social History* (2021). <http://dx.doi.org/10.1017/s0020859021000213>

PROJECT TITLE AND SHORT DESCRIPTION

During the interwar years, democratic governance faced significant challenges. In response to threats to state authority, the liberal regimes of the time considered suspending constitutional norms through emergency powers. After World War One governments increasingly relied on these mechanisms amid political instability, resulting in hybrid systems that occasionally gave rise to outright dictatorship. The ERC-funded STEXEU project will examine the impact of states of exception on democracy in early twentieth-century Europe, focusing on how these exceptional states altered the roles of state and non-state actors in law enforcement. To do this, it will apply the methodologies of social and political history, rather than the legalistic approach preconized by most of the literature. This call for post-doctoral fellowships seeks to expand the core case studies of the project (Spain, Portugal, France, Germany, Britain, Czechoslovakia, Italy, Greece), with



additional national case studies, from Europe or elsewhere. Some potential case studies are: the Ottoman Empire, the Russian Empire/Soviet Union, Romania, Poland, the Baltic states, the USA, colonial contexts.

SCIENTIFIC AREA WHERE THE PROJECT FITS BEST*

Social sciences and humanities (SOC)