



The *Reflections on the Political and Social History of the 18th and 19th Centuries in Romania* Research Group has the pleasure of inviting you to the presentation:

*Oligarchic Liberalism, Clientelism and the Road to
Democracy in Spain between 1876 and 1923
The Catalan Case*



given by

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**on Thursday, June 7, at h 3 PM
at New Europe College (Plantelor 21)**

The evolution of traditional patronage in the society of the long nineteenth century in Europe is still a pending topic, and much more in areas of early industrialization within a basically rural economy. This contribution aims to give light on the complex traffic of liberalism to democracy as a result of the Catalonia of the Bourbon Restoration. At the same time, I try to explain how the traditional patronage relations were put at the service of the ruling elite through the "dynastic shift" mechanism; and on the other, to analyze the decomposition of the oligarchic regime and the electoral emancipation of the Catalan districts during the reign of Alfonso XIII.

Grup d'Estudis i Recerca Política, Institucions i Corrupció a l'època contemporània
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From 2017 the Group has undergone an important restructuring, and its current name is "Grup d'estudis i recerca Política, institucions i corrupció a l'època contemporània" (PICEC) [Group of Studies and Research Politics, institutions and corruption in Modern History], coordinated by prof. Antoni Moliner, coinciding with the recent renovation of GRC by the AGAUR. It is currently composed of 17 researchers from different scientific areas following its multidisciplinary commitment. Together with historians, there are now members from Law history, Constitutional law history, archival and documents research. The group also partakes in the network from the Groupe de Recherche International (GDRI) co-funded by CNRS GDRI-842 "Politics and corruption: current comparative history and sociology" (Politics & corruption). This network is formed by groups from Centre Norbert Elias (EHESS/Université d'Avignon), Université Pantheon Sorbonne Paris I, Technische Universität Darmstadt, Goëthe Universität Frankfurt, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, New Europe College from Bucharest and the University of Ottawa. At the same time, the GRC is collaborating with the team lead by prof. M. Antonia Peña from Universidad de Huelva which Works on the cultural history of corruption in Spain and América. Currently the Group receives funding from the Project *La corrupción política en la España Contemporánea en perspectiva comparada: bases de datos, cartografía y análisis histórico (1810-2016)* for the period 2018-2020, and from the Generalitat de Catalunya (SGR 2017) for the period 2017-2019. For more information about the group see <http://grupsderecerca.uab.cat/ghp>

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