



AHGBI VISITING INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIP

FINAL REPORT

Visiting researcher: Dr. Raquel Fernández-Menéndez

Host: Dr. Hannie Lawlor (University of Oxford)

1. Activities at the University of Oxford (host institution)

As a guest researcher at the Faculty of Medieval and Modern Languages of the University of Oxford, Dr. Raquel Fernández-Menéndez was provided with all the facilities needed for her research stay. She was given a card to access the University buildings and the libraries, and an institutional email, which allowed her remote access to the digital collections of the Bodleian Libraries. During her research stay, she was also informed of the activities that took place at the Faculty.

Despite the fact that the month of September marks the beginning of the academic year and, thus, there is less activity at the University of Oxford, Dr. Fernández-Menéndez integrated in the Faculty and was able to develop her research and to establish a constructive dialogue with the academic staff. As host, Dr. Hannie Lawlor made sure that the guest could take advantage of all the facilities provided by the Faculty and introduced the guest to the early career researchers that are developing their projects in the field of Spanish literature and culture.

The vast collections of the Bodleian Libraries —specifically the Taylor Institutional Library— provided excellent conditions for Dr. Fernández-Menéndez's work on her forthcoming book, *Lecturas firmadas. Antologías poéticas y discursos de género en la España franquista (1944-1965)*, which is based on her doctoral thesis. The guest was also able to discuss the results of her project not only with Dr. Hannie Lawlor and other specialists at Oxford, but also with the members of the AHGBI through the



conference “Las lecturas firmadas de Carmen Conde”, which took place on the 12th of September.

2. Publications

The publications resulting from this visiting fellowship are listed below. The Association’s support will be acknowledged in the final versions:

1) Books: *Lecturas firmadas. Antologías poéticas y discursos de género en la España franquista (1944-1965)*

2) Monographic issues: Together with Dr. Aina Pérez Fontdevila (Universidad de Alcalá), Dr. Raquel Fernández-Menéndez has been working on a monographic issue proposal that will be sent to a journal based in the United Kingdom or Ireland. The monographic issue explores the self/representation of women writers under Franco, as well as analysing its projections in the debates surrounding canonicity processes in the 21st century. Dr. Hannie Lawlor is contributing to the monographic issue with an article titled “Fictions of the Self under Franco: Carmen Laforet’s *Nada* and Rosa Chacel’s *Memorias de Leticia Valle*”.

3) Book chapters: during her time in Oxford, Raquel Fernández-Menéndez was able to work on a book chapter on the relationship between gender and authorship under Franco. It will appear in the forthcoming book *La forja de una tradición*, coordinated by Fernando Larraz Elorriaga and Dolores Burgos Ballester, accepted for publication in *Iberoamericana/Vervuert*.

3. Activities at other institutions

The conference that Dr. Fernández-Menéndez was scheduled to give at The School of Histories, Languages and Cultures of the University of Liverpool has been rescheduled to the 12th of October, for reasons beyond the guest's control. She will now meet remotely



on this date with postgraduate research (PGR) students. Her lecture will be entitled “Towards a Meaningful Pre-Doctoral Experience: The Importance of Literary Imagination in the Age of Burnout”. The lecture has been organised by Professor Frank Shovlin in collaboration with Professor Diana Cullell Teixidor.

4. Future projects

This research has provided the opportunity to develop future projects both with the University of Oxford and with other institutions connected to the Association of Hispanists of Great Britain and Ireland. The shared academic interests with Dr. Hannie Lawlor will allow to develop future projects in the form of publications, conferences, and other visiting fellowships. Moreover, Dr. Fernández-Menéndez would like to express her gratitude to Professor Xon de Ros, who also supported this research stay, and whose expertise in the field of Modern Spanish literature has been inspiring for the guest.

The International Visiting Fellowship has been a unique opportunity both for Dr. Fernández-Menéndez as guest, for Dr. Lawlor as host, and for the Faculty of Medieval and Modern Languages of the University of Oxford, establishing new academic networks and providing a springboard for exciting new collaborations.

Oxford, 5th October 2022

Dr. Hannie Lawlor (Host)

Dr. Raquel Fernández-Menéndez
(Academic visitor)