

“YIHADISMO DE GÉNERO”: ANTI-FEMINIST LEXICAL ARSENALS OF SPANISH NATIONAL-POPULISM.

This paper will focus on the analysis of the political *Sprachverwendung* of the emerging Spanish new extreme right, with a particular emphasis on their anti-feminist rhetoric and language use. The categorization and critical study of their neologisms, semantic resignifications, political euphemisms, and “snarl words” -words with pejorative, unpleasant or disparaging connotations, as stated by Ichiye Hayakawa- will highlight eventual translations and importations of certain “core words” of anti-feminism from other ultra-nationalist European contexts.

The initial hypothesis, to be simultaneously developed in my forthcoming postdoctoral project, considers the “special language” development taking place at the core of Spanish national-populism, as crucial in the construction of their “national resurrection” promises, and challenges to invert and complete the asseveration of Orwell: the “decline of language” precedes the “political collapse” defined by the British author, and not the opposite. The spectacle produced by vibrant words and rhetoric is more important for ultra-nationalist movements than everything else: language shapes “imagined communities”, defines racial or cultural enemies, permits the construction of the national *self* and gives form to violently defined gender roles. Extreme-right party leaders -from VOX to the most radical wing of traditional conservative party PP- developed a new rhetoric of the “Reconquista” in which the so-called “feminist yihadists” and “nazi-feminists” became one of their most common enemies and political targets. The overwhelming response of progressive sectors on the 8th March 2019 -with 400.000 protesters in Madrid and more than 200.000 in further capital cities- guarantees the exacerbation of extreme-right radical discourse and justifies the importance of this research.

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