Of All Things Visible and Invisible: 
Spanish Women's Narratives During Francoism

Lecture by Dr. Aurora Morcillo
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An exploration into where oblivion dwells has driven Dr. Aurora Morcillo’s historical analysis since the beginning of her career twenty years ago. Dr. Morcillo utilizes the lens of gender to identify and illuminate the dark interstices of time and place. She began by exploring gender ideology within the Francoist university and the various Catholic women’s organizations in her first book, *True Catholic Womanhood* (2000). Her following books on Francoist Spain, *The Seduction of Modern Spain: The Female Body and the Francoist Body Politic* (2010) and *En Cuerpo y Alma: Ser Mujer en Tiempos de Franco* (2015), built on the above concepts to further understand gender ideology when looking at the tight control of women’s (and men’s) bodies through public morality, censorship, and repression. This lecture focuses on interviews conducted with twenty women that will appear in her upcoming work. The stories of these women complete a trilogy of sorts about the gendered profile of the Franco regime’s body politic.

Dr. Morcillo is a Professor of History and Director of the Spanish and Mediterranean Studies Program at Florida International University. Her research focuses on issues of gender, religion, and sexual politics in modern Spain and Europe.

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