Centre for Catalan Studies Annual Lecture by Professor Paul Preston 'Francoist Anti-Catalanism in the Spanish Civil War: From the Battle of the Ebro to occupation, pillage and exodus'

Professor Paul Preston (LSE) delivers the Queen Mary University Annual Catalan Lecture on 26 November, a lecture that explores the scale of Spanish anti-Catalanism in the Civil War: 'Franco carried out a campaign of extermination against Catalunya just as he had done previously with other regions. He did so because he conceived the war as an investment in terror that would be the first step to the establishment of his dictatorship. Thereafter, to build on that investment, he installed a post-war machinery of trials, executions, prisons, concentration camps and an apparatus of State economic pillage.'