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## Workshop on

### “BASQUE NATIONHOOD IN A GLOBALIZING WORLD”

Auditorium of the University of the Basque Country - Bizkaia Aretoa Building  
Bilbao 28–30 May 2014

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#### DAY 1

Wednesday, 28 May 2014 – Bizkaia Aretoa Building

11.00 – 14.00

Project reference group meeting, *Barandiaran Hall* (closed meeting)

14.45 – 15.00

**Registration & Coffee (for all workshop invitees) – Elhuyar Hall**

15.00 – 15.30

**Words of welcome**

**Igor Ahedo**, Director Department of Political Science, University of the Basque Country  
**Åshild Kolås**, Research Professor, Peace Research Institute Oslo  
**Rafael Grasa**, President, International Catalan Institute for Peace

15.30 – 16.30

**Session I “Theoretical approaches to the construction of the Basque national self”**

Moderator: Pedro Ibarra, University of the Basque Country

**Francisco Letamendia, University of the Basque Country**

*The violent conflict: actors, history, models and discourses of conflict resolution on the road to sovereignty*

**Xabier Irujo, Center for Basque Studies, University of Nevada, Reno**

*The concept of Basque sovereignty as coined in the socio-cultural and political context of the Basque exile (1936-1975)*

**Daniele Conversi, University of the Basque Country**

*Changing perceptions on sovereignty: constructing the national self in the Basque Country from violence to peace (1959-2011)*



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- 16.30-16.45 **Coffee Break**
- 16.45 –17.30 **Responses by discussants, Q&A session, summing up**  
**Åshild Kolås**, PRIO  
**Igor Filibi**, University of the Basque Country  
**Teresa Whitfield**, New York University
- 20.30 **Dinner for the reference group & international invitees/discussants**  
*Restaurante Victor*, Plaza Nueva, 2 (old town, “casco viejo”) [Map](#)

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**DAY 2** **Thursday, 29 May 2014 – Bizkaia Aretoa Buidling – Baroja Hall**

09.00 – 9.15 *Coffee and pastries*

9.15 – 11.00 **Session II “Identity and multicultural citizenship”**

Moderator: Javier Alcalde, ICIP

**Ana Larrinaga & Mila Amurrio, University the Basque Country**

*Language and Identity in Basque Nationalism: the role of ethno-linguistic movement*

**Julen Zabalo & Txoli Mateos, University the Basque Country**

*National identities in the Basque Country: present and future trends*

**Xabier Itçaina, Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique, Bordeaux**

*Multiple Sovereignties? Civil society mobilizations and territorial construction in the French Basque Country*

**Eduardo J. Ruiz-Vieytez, Univesity of Deusto, Basque Country**

*Basque national movements and new diversity challenges in a post-violence scenario*

Discussants: **Rebecca Bryant**, London School of Economics

**Joseba Zulaika**, University of Nevada, Reno



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11.00 – 11.15

**Coffee Break**

11.15 – 13.00

**Session III “Political approaches I”**

Moderator: Henar Criado, Madrid Complutense University

**Zelai Nikolas & Iñigo Urrutia, University of the Basque Country**

*The renewed recentralization trend in Spain and the limits of the current legal framework for decentralization: between accommodation and secession*

**Pedro J. Oirzabal, Pedro Arrupe Human Rights Institute, University of Deusto, Basque Country**

*The contested transnational mirror of the Basque Country: playing homeland politics with the diaspora*

**Iban Galletebeitia & Pedro Ibarra, University of the Basque Country**

*Articulation of the pro-sovereignty discourse in the Basque Country. Towards a democratic scenario*

**Mateo Ballester, Universidad Complutense Madrid**

*The debate on constitutional patriotism in the Basque Country and the issue of sovereignty*

Discussants: **Ephraim Nimni**, University of the Basque Country / Queen’s University Belfast

**Ola Tunander**, PRIO

13.00 – 14.00

**Lunch at Bizkaia Aretoa Building**



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14.00 – 15.45

#### **Session IV “Political approaches II”**

Moderator: Covadonga M. Bertrand, PRIO

**Jule Goikoetxea, University of the Basque Country**

*Political conflict, multi-level governance and sovereignty demands*

**Mario Zubiaga, University of the Basque Country**

*Basque sovereignty and contention: evolution of the mechanisms and processes of the nationalist collective action in the Basque Country*

**Igor Ahedo, University of the Basque Country**

*From the margins to the center: emergence of the territory in the Basque Country of France*

**Asier Blas Mendoza, University of the Basque Country**

*The Basque secessionist project in European comparative perspective: the issue of Navarre*

Discussants: **Glenn Bowman**, University of Kent

**Joserramon Bengoetxea**, University of the Basque Country

15.45 – 16.00

***Coffee Break***

16.00 – 16.30

**Conclusions and closure**

**Igor Ahedo**, Director Department of Political Science

**Åshild Kolås**, Research Professor

**Pedro Ibarra**, University of the Basque Country

20.30

**Dinner for all participants in the old town (“casco viejo”) of Bilbao.**

*Sidreria Asador Arriaga*, calle de Santa Maria, 13. [Map](#)



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### DAY 3

**Friday, 30 May 2014 – Bizkaia Aretoa Buidling – Mitxelena Hall**

10.00 – 13.00

**“Imagining Basque Sovereignty: Voices from civil society” (public event)**

Words of welcome by Pedro Ibarra, University of the Basque Country

<b>Lokarri</b>	citizen network for agreement and consultation
<b>Stee/Eilas</b>	teachers union
<b>Gure esku dago</b>	grassroots organization for the right to decide
<b>Ekologistak Martxan</b>	association of social ecologists
<b>Bilgune feminista</b>	feminist organization
<b>Asociación Bertsolaris</b>	cultural association ( <i>bertsolarism</i> is the art of singing extemporary composed songs)
<b>Grupo “Astra”</b>	cultural organization from the town of Gernika
<b>NerGroup</b>	network of businesses committed to a just and sustained human development

13.30 – 15.00

***Lunch for the members of the reference group and international invitees***

*Bistro of the Guggenheim Museum, Avda. Abandoibarra, 2. Next to the Bizkaia Aretoa Building. [Map](#)*

16.30 – 18.30

**Lecture by Joseba Zulaika and guided tour of the Guggenheim Museum for reference group members & international invitees (in English).**

Meeting point: main entrance of the [Guggenheim Museum](#).

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The **languages** of the workshop will be **English and Spanish**. Simultaneous translation from Spanish to English will be available.

The **Auditorium** of the University of the Basque Country, the [Bizkaia Aretoa Building](#), is conveniently located next to the Guggenheim Museum on Avenida Abandoibarra, 3.

**Accommodation** for participants coming from outside Bilbao: [Hotel Barcelo Nervion](#), Paseo Campo Volantín, 11, 48007 Bilbao.

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