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LITERATURE; MEMORY STUDIES; HISTORY;  
CONTEMPORARY SPAIN

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## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

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- 2016 – current Postdoctoral Researcher at the Institute for Language, Literature and Anthropology, Spanish National Research Council [ILLA-CSIC]. Madrid, Spain
- 2015 – 2016 Lecturer. University of Veliko Tarnovo (Bulgaria). Department of German and Dutch Studies
- 2009 - 2015 PhD candidate / junior lecturer. Maastricht University. Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
- 2011 - 2013 Marie Curie Research Fellow at the CCHS-CSIC [Center for Social Sciences and Humanities, Spanish National Research Council]. Madrid, Spain
- 2001 - 2006 Student-assistant / junior lecturer. University of Groningen. Department of Romance Languages and Cultures (with interval in 2003-2004)

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Literature; Memory Studies; Transnationalism; Contemporary Spain; Spanish Civil War; Victimhood; Holocaust memory in Spain; Comics; Relation between word and image; The body, affect and memory; Performativity; Literary Anthropology; New Materialism

## EDUCATION

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- 2016 Maastricht University, PhD, cum laude [top 5%]  
Dissertation: *Reimagining Spain: Transnational Entanglements and Remembrance of the Spanish Civil War since 1989*
- 2011 University of Amsterdam & University of Groningen, BA&MA in Spanish Language and Culture  
MA thesis: *Memoria prestada. El Holocausto en la novela española contemporánea: los casos de Sefarad de Muñoz Molina y El comprador de aniversarios de García Ortega* (awarded 9.5/10)
- 2007 University of Groningen, BA&MA in History  
MA thesis: *Memory, Oblivion and the Excavation of the Anonymous Graves of the Spanish Civil War in 1978 – 1981 and 2000 – 2006* (awarded 8/10)
- 1997 Stedelijk Gymnasium Leeuwarden (The Netherlands)

## **NON-DEGREE EDUCATION**

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- 2012, Sept.                Fifth Workshop for Doctoral Students (*Kon-)Figurationen interkulturellen Wissens / (Con-)figuraciones del saber intercultural* organized by the Complutense University of Madrid and the Humboldt University Berlin. Madrid, Sept, 17-22
- 2012, July.                Summerschool *Memorias Controvertidas: España, Alemania y Austria.* Universidad Complutense de Madrid / San Lorenzo del Escorial
- 2011                        Teacher Qualification Certificate (BKO, Basis Kwalificatie Onderwijs). Maastricht University
- 2009 - 2011                Huizinga Instituut (Amsterdam). Research Institute and Graduate School for Cultural History
- 2009, Sept.                Summerschool *Memory Cultures in Transcultural and Transnational Perspectives.* University of Leipzig
- 2009, July.                Konstanzer Meisterklasse. *Trauma and Narration.* Chaired by prof. Dominick LaCapra (Cornell), prof. Hayden White (Stanford) and prof. Geoffrey Hartman (Yale). University of Konstanz
- 2009, July.                Summerschool *Un año de vigencia de la Ley de Memoria Histórica.* Universidad Complutense de Madrid / San Lorenzo del Escorial

## **GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

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- 2016 – 2018               Postdoctoral research fellow in the project *Unsettling Remembering and Social Cohesion in Transnational Europe – UNREST* (693523; principal investigator Stefan Berger), funded in the European Union's H2020 Research and Innovation Programme, call Societal Challenges: Europe in a Changing World – Inclusive, Innovative and Reflective Societies (2015).
- 2016 – 2018               Research fellow in the project *Below Ground: Mass Grave Exhumations and Human Rights in Historical, Transnational and Comparative Perspective* (CSO2015-66104-R; principal investigator Francisco Ferrández), funded by the Spanish National Research Funding: Plan Nacional I+D+i
- 2015 - 2016               Grant from the "Dutch Language Union" (Nederlandse Taalunie) for teaching at the department of Dutch Studies at the University of Veliko Tarnovo (Bulgaria)
- 2013 - 2016               Research fellow in the project *The Underground Past: Exhumations and Memory Politics in Contemporary Spain in Transnational and Comparative Perspective* (CSO2012-32709; principal investigator Francisco Ferrández), funded by the Spanish National Research Funding: Plan Nacional I+D+i
- 2011 - 2013               Marie Curie Pre-Doctoral Fellowship 'SPBuild': Initial Training Network funded under the Marie Curie Actions of the Seventh Framework Programme. Centro de Ciencias Humanas y Sociales from the Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas (CCHS-CSIC). October 2011 – October 2013

- 2012 Scholarship covering full-pension stay at summer school in San Lorenzo del Escorial
- 2009 Fellow at the Konstanzer Meisterklasse 'Trauma and narration', chaired by Prof. Hayden White, Prof. Dominick LaCapra and Prof. Geoffrey Hartman. July 19 – 27
- 2009 Scholarship covering full-pension stay at summer school in San Lorenzo del Escorial
- 2009 4-year PhD funding. Research and teaching contract University of Maastricht
- 2001 Erasmus 'free-mover' Scholarship. Autonomous University of Barcelona, Spain. 2000-2001

## **PUBLICATIONS**

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HRISTOVA, Marije (under review). 'No nos vamos, nos echan: identidad, memoria y el nuevo "exilio económico".' In: Pablo Valdivia and Yolanda Rodríguez Pérez (eds). *Españoles en Europa: Identidad y exilio desde la edad moderna hasta nuestros días*. Foro Hispánico. Leiden: Rodopi/Brill.

HRISTOVA, Marije and Sara Santamaría (accepted). 'Guerra Civil española'. In: Ricard Vinyes Ribas (ed.), *Diccionario histórico de usos conceptos y expresiones de la memoria colectiva*. Barcelona: Gedisa Editorial

HRISTOVA, Marije (accepted). 'Manifestación en París a favor de la independencia de Argelia'. In: Ricard Vinyes Ribas (ed.), *Diccionario histórico de usos conceptos y expresiones de la memoria colectiva*. Barcelona: Gedisa Editorial

HRISTOVA, Marije (accepted). 'La Batalla de Argel (Gillo Pontecorvo, 1966)'. In: Ricard Vinyes Ribas (ed.), *Diccionario histórico de usos conceptos y expresiones de la memoria colectiva*. Barcelona: Gedisa Editorial

HRISTOVA, Marije (2016). *Reimagining Spain: Transnational Entanglements and Remembrance of the Spanish Civil War since 1989*. Maastricht: Universitaire Pers Maastricht.

HRISTOVA, Marije (2015). 'La apertura de fosas comunes de la guerra civil española: discurso ético y generacional' in: Ariel Jerez y Emilio Silva (eds.), *Políticas de memoria y construcción de ciudadanía*. Madrid: Postmetropolis Editorial y ARMH.

HRISTOVA, Marije (2015). 'Tussen India en West-Europa. Outsourcing in Bulgarije biedt veel kansen. Of toch niet?' *Donau. Tijdschrift voor Midden- en Zuidoost-Europa*. 2015/01, 47-54.

HRISTOVA, Marije, Lee Douglas, Zoé de Kerangat and Francisco Ferrández (2014). 'Violence and the politics of memory in a global context: An overture'. *Culture & History Digital Journal*. 3 (2), 1-8.

FERRÁNDIZ, Francisco, Marije Hristova, Lee Douglas and Zoé de Kerangat, eds. (2014). 'Faces and Traces of Violence: Memory Politics in Global Perspective' [Special Issue]. *Culture & History Digital Journal*. 3 (2).

HRISTOVA, M. (2014). 'Reconciliación y reconstrucción: Procesos y paradojas de la memoria a través del espacio urbano de gernika' [review of Dacia Viejo-Rose (2011). *Reconstructing Spain. Cultural Heritage and Memory after Civil War*. Brighton: Sussex Academic Press], *Hispania LXXIV*, 247, 631-634.

HRISTOVA, M. (2014). 'Discursos y políticas de la memoria en España: una perspectiva transnacional' [review of Nina Elsemann (2011). *Umkämpfte Erinnerungen*. Frankfurt: Campus Verlag], *Hispania LXXIV*, 246, 310-313.

HRISTOVA, M., José Carlos Marco Vega and Johanna Vollmeyer. (2013). De Alemania y Austria a España: memorias posdictoriales a debate' [review article]. *Magazin* 21, 58-61 (FAGE; ISSN: 1136-677X)

HRISTOVA, M. (2013). 'Concurrende verhalen. Over de begraafplaats van Zaragoza'. In: Frank Huisman, Nico Randeraad and Geert Verbeeck (eds.), *Geschiedenis is overal*. Amsterdam: Wereldbibliotheek, 209 -226.

HRISTOVA, M. (2012). 'Framing the Transnational through Individual Memories: The Case of Spanish War Journalists in Bosnia'. In: Ulf Engel, Matthias Middell and Stefan Troebst (eds.), *Erinnerungskulturen in transnationaler Perspektive*, Leipzig: Leipziger Universitätsverlag. 235-250.

HRISTOVA, M. (2011). 'Eating at the Galata Brigde. Istanbul as a Transcultural Space'. In: Anne Hilde van Baal (ed.), *Istanbul, een stad van contrasten. Cultural transfer tussen Turkije en Europa*. Huizinga Institute / NIT. 6-11.

HRISTOVA, M. and Janneke Adema. (2010). 'The exile condition: space-time dissociation in historical experience. A reading of *Sefarad*', *Krisis, Journal for Contemporary Philosophy*, 2010, 1, 62-76.

HRISTOVA-DIJKSTRA, M.J. (2006). 'Y tu mamá también: de Pepsicóatl a Quetzalcóatl'. In: H. Hermans (ed.), *México en movimiento. Cine y literatura*. Groningen: Centro de Estudios Mexicanos. 221-244.

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## SELECTED CONFERENCE PAPERS

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'Spain Below Ground'. (2016). Debate: "The Materiality of Memory: Incarnating the Dead", with Ewa Domanska, Jay Winter, Marcin Napiórkowski (chair). *Dziady Recycling Festival*. Wroclaw (PL). October 31.

'Reimagining Spain: Transnational Memories of the Spanish Civil War within the Margins of the Nation State'. (2016). *Locating and dislocating memory*. Cost Action IS1203 In Search of Transcultural Memory in Europe ISTME / University College of Dublin. September 1-3

'La frontera entre mi piel y su hormigón: Una intervención difractiva en Buzludzha (Bulgaria)' [with Jimena Diaz Ocón]. (2016). *Patrimonio, identidad y fronteras de la memoria*. VII encuentro de Memorias en Red. La Jonquera/Museu Memorial de l'Exili (MUME). July 1-3

'Del fantasma al cuerpo en la literatura española o la figura del testigo afectivo'. (2015). International conference *Body, science, memory and politics in contemporary exhumations* organized by I+D+i project "The past below earth" (CSO2012-32709). Madrid (ES). July 2-3.

'Comunidades imaginadas transnacionales y la memoria de la Guerra Civil española'. (2013). *Rastros y Rostros de la Violencia*. Monthly seminar of the Spanish national research project "The Past Below Earth". Marie Curie 7th Framework / SPBuild / CCHS-CSIC. Madrid (ES). September 19

'The Body as a Space for Transnational Memory'. (2013). *Thinking Memory Through Space: Materiality, Representation & Imagination* (international symposium). CCHS-CSIC / Goldsmiths College, University of London. London. July 11-12

'Entangled Memories: Performing Transnational Memory in Spanish Literature'. (2013). *The Practices of Memory: Remembering, Forgetting, Imagining* (international graduate conference). Fordham University. New York (US). March 1-2

'Borrowed memory: a reading of Antonio Muñoz Molina's *Sefarad*'. (2012). *War and Memory: artistic and cultural representations of individual, collective and national memories in twentieth-century Europe at war* (international conference). Polish Academy of Sciences / Queen's University Belfast. Warsaw (PL). September 7-9

'Remediating Levi: Primo Levi in Spanish Contemporary Literature'. (2012). *A Sort of Wisdom. Exploring the Legacy of Primo Levi* (international conference). Edge Hill University, Ormskirk (UK). July 6-7

'(Re)Covering War Stories. Spanish War Journalists in Former Yugoslavia'. (2011). International workshop *Sustainable Peace Building: Old and New Approaches*. University of Deusto (ES) / SPBUILD Programme. December 1-2

'Mapping Transnational Memory: Spain between Europe and Latin America'. (2011) *Processes of Europeanization: between idea and reality*. Maastricht University (NL). April, 14-15

'Trauma, War Zones and Multidirectional Memory in Juan Goytisolo's *Sarajevo Notebook* (1993) and *State of Siege* (1995)'. (2010). *Multidirectional Memory: Slavery, the Holocaust, and the Colonial Past*. Leeds Humanities Research Institute (UK). September, 23-24

'Mobilizing Parallels, Activating Comparisons: Spanish War Journalists in Bosnia'. (2009). *Erinnerungskulturen in transkultureller und transnationaler Perspektive*. Panel 4: Travelling Memories. Summerschool, Research Academy Leipzig (DE). September 28 – October 1

'Memorias enredadas: La guerra civil española en perspectiva transnacional'. (2009). *Memoria común. Marroquines en la guerra civil española*. International symposium organized by the 'Centro para la memoria común y el porvenir', Tetuán (MAR), February 27 – March 1

'La apertura de fosas comunes de la guerra civil española: discurso ético y generacional'. (2008). *Políticas de memoria y construcción de ciudadanía*. Panel 12: Otras miradas que nos interrogan. Organized by the Asociación para la Recuperación de Memoria Histórica and the Foundation Contamíname. La Granja de San Ildefonso (ES). July, 14-20

## **OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

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2015 – ongoing	Member of MemorÁgora. <i>Plataforma de Estudios de Memoria</i> . This platform is an initiative of the collective Memorias en Red and searches for alternative ways of discussing and publishing about pressing debates in Spanish memory politics. As a first outcome, the platform has published and edited an online debate on the vestiges of the Francoist dictatorship in Spain in February 2016: <a href="http://memoriasenred.es/foro_vestigios/">http://memoriasenred.es/foro_vestigios/</a>
2015	Co-organization international conference <i>Body, science, memory and politics in contemporary exhumations</i> by I+D+i project "The past below earth" (CSO2012-32709). Madrid. July 2-3.
2014 - 2015	Research member of Memoriadero. A research project on the memory of Madrid's public abattoir, now the cultural center Matadero Madrid.

- Research blog: [memoriasenred.es](http://memoriasenred.es); Exhibition "Memoriadero", 17/10/2014 – 01/03/2015, La salita. Matadero; Coloquium "Matadero: Industrialización, muerte y vida cotidiana", 24/01/2015, Matadero Madrid.
- 2014 Co-organization workshop for young researchers *Materialidad, cuerpo, afecto y memoria*. MEMORIAS EN RED. Research library "Traficantes de Sueños". Madrid. July 11-12.
- 2013 Panel organization: "Memorias filmadas: performatividad, recepción y mediación audiovisual". *Memoria y narración. Influencias transnacionales y contextos locales*. VI Simposio Internacional, Justicia, Memoria, Narración y Cultura (JUSMENACU). Madrid. November 11-13
- 2013 Co-organization international symposium *Thinking Memory through Space: Materiality, Representation and Imagination*. CCHS-CSIC / Goldsmiths College University of London. London. July 11-12
- 2013 Panel organization: "Locating Transnational Memory". International symposium *Thinking Memory through Space: Materiality, Representation and Imagination*. CCHS-CSIC / Goldsmiths College University of London. London. July 11-12
- 2013 Co-organization of the workshop *Laboratorio Intra-Activo de Teoría y Memoria*. MEMORIAS EN RED. CCHS-CSIC. Madrid. March-June (4 sessions)
- 2012 Co-organization workshop for young researchers *Memorias de España: Representaciones y discursos sociopolíticos y culturales en los siglos XX y XXI*. MEMORIAS EN RED and ADELANTE. CCHS/CSIC/Matadero de Madrid. Madrid. November 30 – December 1
- 2011 - ongoing Co-organization Lecture Series *Faces and Traces of Violence*. Marie Curie 7th Framework / SPBuild / CCHS-CSIC. Madrid, Spain  
<http://politicasdelamemoria.org/conferencias-rastros-y-rostros.html>
- 2011 - ongoing Co-founder and co-organizer. *Memorias en Red*. Research Network for Young Researchers in the field of memory studies in Spain.  
<http://memoriasenred.es/>
- 2011, May. Organization Masterclass with prof. Astrid Erll for the Huizinga Institute (NL)
- 2006 - 2008 Image editor. Maandblad Amstelodamum (Historical Review about the History of Amsterdam)
- 2005 Organization film cycle at the department of Romance Languages and Cultures at the University of Groningen
- 2002 and 2004 Co-organization of the annual Día de Mexicanistas, University of Groningen

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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### **TUTOR IN COURSES AND SKILLS TRAINING**

2015 – 2016	<i>Flemish Literature, 1800 - now.</i> Lecture & Tutorial. BA-4. University of Veliko Tarnovo (BG). <i>Cultural and literary aspects of Dutch culture.</i> BA-4. University of Veliko Tarnovo (BG). <i>Dutch Literature, 1800 – now.</i> Lecture & Tutorial. BA-3. University of Veliko Tarnovo (BG). <i>Language Competence and Style (Dutch).</i> Lecture & Tutorial. BA-3. University of Veliko Tarnovo (BG). <i>Dutch Language Acquisition.</i> Tutorial. BA-1. Levels A1-B2. University of Veliko Tarnovo (BG).
2011	<i>The Appeal of Totalitarianism.</i> BA-3. Maastricht University <i>Research and Writing I.</i> BA-1. Maastricht University
2010	<i>Totalitarian Temptation.</i> BA-3. Maastricht University College
2002 - 2003	<i>Romance Culture and Literature.</i> Tutorial. BA-1. University of Groningen
2002 - 2006	<i>Spanish Language Acquisition.</i> Tutorial. BA-1 and BA-2. Levels A1-B2. University of Groningen / Language Centre of the University of Groningen and HBO Nederland

### **OCCASIONAL TEACHING ACTIVITIES**

2011	<i>History and Memory of the Spanish Civil War.</i> Lecture. BA-3, Arts and Cultures, Maastricht University
2006	<i>El crimen perfecto. Políticas de la memoria en España desde 1939.</i> Online lecture. BA-2. Romance Languages and Cultures. University of Groningen
2004	<i>Searching for the Death. Archival and Excavation Research in Theory and Practice.</i> Lecture. BA-3, History, University of Groningen

## **RELATED WORK EXPERIENCE**

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2005 - 2006	Lecturer. HBO Nederland (Groningen). Spanish and Writing Skills
2004 - 2006	Junior Lecturer. Language Centre of the University of Groningen. Spanish
2003 - 2004	Traineeship. Association for the Recovery of Historical Memory / University of Valladolid

## **LANGUAGE SKILLS**

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Dutch (native), Spanish (near native, C2), English (C2 / TOEFL score: 118/120), Bulgarian (B2), Catalan (B2), Polish (A2), French and German (passive)

## MISCELLANEOUS

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- 2016, August 25      Publication of the literary travel writing "A Hitchhiker's guide to Bulgaria" in the online publication *Magazine 79*  
<http://foreignersandfriends.com/marije-hristova-hitchhikers-guide-bulgaria/>
- 2016, June      Amsterdam City Archives: selection and description of documents on the Dutch volunteers in the International Brigades  
Online publications: 'Spanjestrijders'; 'Hulpactie'; 'Herman Scheerboom'; 'Gerard du Bruin', 'Spanje Monument'; 'Holzmann-affaire'  
<https://www.amsterdam.nl/stadsarchief/nieuws/spaanse-burgeroorlog/>
- 2014, May 29      Interview for Dutch television, National Channel 1. *Eén Vandaag*. Short documentary "De bittere erfenis van de Franco dictatuur".
- 2011, Nov. 8      Interview for Blog Nostrum about Master Thesis in Spanish Literature. Blog of the Amsterdam University Library, section Romance Languages and Cultures.
- 2011, Oct.      Interview at the Radio Círculo Bellas Artes, program *Contratiempo*, nr.108
- 2008, July 11      Interview for Dutch newspaper *Trouw*.  
Rosa Groen, "Spanje komt niet van Franco-monumenten af". *Trouw*.
- 1998 – ongoing      Violinist various musical formations: Western classical, klezmer, Indian music