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A strategic mistake of the Regime?: Historiography and Franco's application for the European Economic Community.

□ Keywords.

1. Pro-European historiography
2. *Weltpolitik* of Hispanic habits
3. Spanish Franco's Technocracy
4. Weber's script for development

□ Object.

The history of the beginning of Spanish relation with the European Economic Community has been written very close to our expectations and far away our thankless past. The specialized historiography unquestionably chooses a moral preference, the pro-Europeanism. And this is a strategic preference that intervenes to the searching. The consequence is a kind of teleology, as a fullfillin' prophecy: the Spanish society following its European way towards a kind of guided emancipation, a progressive European behaviour of Spain during the sixties and seventies.

In short, from the point of view of the specialized historiography, Franco's external behaviour *would* demonstrate the structural unfeasibility of the Dictatorship. This contradiction would be specially present in Franco's application for the EEC of 1962, which was rejected.

□ Objectives.

1. Pointing out all the coincidences, *clichés* and paradoxes of specialized historiography about Franco's Dictatorship and European Integration:
2. A consideration of Franco's technocracy within its ideological tradition.

□ Theoretical frame.

1. Democracy, Technocracy and pro-Europeanism, a cause- effect connection?
2. Spanish exception and European normality
3. Transitions in a comparative perspective (Spain and Portugal)
4. Franco's Dictatorship: anomaly, parenthesis, singularity (Olson's perspective)

□ Empirical grounding

1. Memories, Evocations and biographies of some Franco's Ministers
2. Critical analysis of Specialized historiography
3. Analysis of Political Phillosophy of Ramiro de Maeztu and Ortega y Gasset.