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Summary

Born in exile in Caracas, Venezuela, in 1967, Xabier Irujo is the director of the Center for Basque Studies at the University of Nevada, Reno, where he is professor of genocide studies. He was the first guest research scholar of the Manuel Irujo Chair at the University of Liverpool and has taught seminars on genocide and cultural genocide at Boise State University and at the University of California, Santa Barbara. He holds three master's degrees in linguistics, history and philosophy and has two PhDs in history and philosophy. Dr. Irujo has lectured in nearly on hundred American and European universities and academic or cultural institutions (typically governments, parliaments, museums and libraries.) He has published on issues related to Basque history and politics and has specialized along his career in genocide studies with a focus on physical and cultural extermination. He has mentored numerous graduate students and he is the member of the editorial board of four academic presses in Europe and the Americas. Dr. Irujo has authored more than fifteen books and a number of articles in specialized journals and has received awards and honors at national and international level. His recent books include *Gernika: Genealogy of a Lie* (Sussex Academic Press, 2018), *Gernika 1937: The Market Day Massacre* (Nevada University Press, 2015) and *Legal History of the Basque Language* (HAEE, Bilbao, 2015).

Research interests

Genocide, terror bombing, exile

Courses taught

Genocide studies, Transnational Identity

Selected books

Irujo, Xabier, *Gernika: Genealogy of a Lie*, Sussex Academic Press, Eastbourne, 2018. 165 pp. ISBN: 978-1-84519-975-3.

Irujo, Xabier, *Gernika: 26 de abril de 1937*, Crítica, Barcelona, 2017. 381 pp. ISBN: 9788416771738.

Irujo, Xabier, *Gernika 1937: The Market Day Massacre*, University of Nevada Press, Reno, 2015. 318 pp. ISBN: 978-0874179781.

Irujo, Xabier; Urrutia, Iñigo, *Historia jurídica de la lengua vasca (1789-2009)*, IVAP-HAEE / Euskal Herriko Unibertsitatea, Bilbao, 2014. 768 pp. ISBN: 978-0-692200-16-2.

Irujo, Xabier, *Simón Bolívar y la Constitución Boliviana: Un Proyecto para una Federación*, BFA-Bolibar, Bilbao, 2014. 416 pp. ISBN: 978-0692239216.

Irujo, Xabier; Irigoyen, Alberto, *La hora vasca del Uruguay. Génesis y desarrollo del nacionalismo vasco en Uruguay (1825-1960)*, Sociedad de Confraternidad Vasca Euskal Erria, Montevideo (Uruguay), 2014. 600 pp. ISBN 978-84-936190-5-3.

Irujo, Xabier, *Giving Birth to Cosmopolis: The Code of Laws of Estella (c. 1076)*, Barandiaran Chair of Basque Studies – University of California, Santa Barbara, 2013. 344 pp. ISBN: 978-0-9846900-2-2.

Irujo, Xabier, *Expelled from the Motherland: The Government of President Jose Antonio Agirre in Exile (1937 - 1960)*, Center for Basque Studies - University of Nevada, Reno, 2012. 350 pp. ISBN: 978-1-935709-06-0.

Irujo, Xabier; Cenarrusa, Pete, *On Basque Politics. Conversations with Pete Cenarrusa*, European Research Institute (EURI), Brussels, 2012. 484 pp. ISBN: 978-0-9846900-1-5.

Ibarra, Pedro; Irujo, Xabier (Eds.), *Basque Political Systems*, Center for Basque Studies - University of Nevada, Reno, 2011. 290 pp. ISBN: 978-1-935709-03-9.

Irujo, Xabier, *Homo Spelens*, Utriusque Vasconiae, Donostia / San Sebastián, 2009. 224 pp. ISBN: 978-84-937213-0-5.

Irujo, Xabier, *Euskal erbeste politikoa Uruguain (1943-1955). Eusko jaurlaritzaren administrazioa eta kanpo ekintza atzerrian*, Herri Arduralaritzaren Euskal Erakundea/Institute for Public Administration of the Basque Government, Oñati, 2005. 616 pp. ISBN 84-777-281-9.

Most Recent Awards & Honors

2018 Gernika Prize for Peace and Reconciliation by the Gernika city council.

2017 *Gernika Plaque* by the Euskal Erria Basque Society in Uruguay.

2015 Chair Fellow at the University of Liverpool.

2013 *Jesus Maria Leizaola Saria* mention for the manuscript *Historia Jurídica de la Lengua Vasca (1789-2009)* on cultural genocide in the Basque Country by the Basque Institute of Public Administration (HAEE-IVAP).

2006 *Andrés Irujo Saria* award for the manuscript *La Sociedad de Confraternidad Vasca Euskal Erria de Montevideo* by the Basque Government.

Education

2011 Ph.D. in Political Philosophy at the University of the Basque Country.

2004 Ph.D. in History at the State University of Navarre.

1998 Bachelor of Arts degree with a Major in Philosophy and a Master of Arts degree in Political Philosophy and Philosophy of Science.

1995 Bachelor of Arts degree with a Major in European History and a Master of Arts degree in European Political History.

1992 Bachelor of Arts degree with a Major in Romance Languages and Literature and a Master of Arts degree in Romance Linguistics.