

‘New Perspectives on Spanish Anarchism’ was an international symposium held at the LHRI on 21<sup>st</sup> April 2015. It was organised by Danny Evans (University of Leeds) and James Yeoman (University of Sheffield) and supported by an award from the School of Languages, Cultures and Societies at the University of Leeds. The symposium precedes a forthcoming special edition of the *International Journal of Iberian Studies*, co-edited by Danny and James. It was a successful event, with people travelling from Bristol, Sheffield and Andalusia in order to attend.

The symposium began with talks by the co-organisers and two other contributors to the journal who had come from Spain: Assumpta Castillo Cañiz (Universitat Autònoma, Barcelona) and Fran Andujar (Universidad de Granada). The subjects of the talks were wide-ranging, from the reception of Nietzsche among Spanish anarchists at the turn of the century, through the experience of Spanish anarchist migrants in the Welsh town of Dowlais, to a comparative study of Spanish anarchists and German communists and a reflection on the historiography related to the rural collectives of Aragón. The talks were well received and generated interesting and fruitful discussions. After lunch a round-table discussion was held that raised, amongst other subjects, the possibility of a specifically anarchist approach to history and that of an internet-based platform providing an ongoing space for debate and the sharing of research amongst those interested in the study of anarchism on a global scale. The day concluded with an exciting talk by Dr Richard Cleminson (University of Leeds) based on his current research into anarchism and eugenics. ‘New Perspectives on Spanish Anarchism’ is intended to be an ongoing project that will outlive the publication of the special issue of the IJIS. For further information please contact either Danny: [de1871@gmail.com](mailto:de1871@gmail.com) or James: [imyeoman1@sheffield.ac.uk](mailto:imyeoman1@sheffield.ac.uk)

