

TXILLARDEGI AND THE UNIFICATION OF THE BASQUE LANGUAGE

The unification process. The practical approach of Txillardegui

Now that 50 years have passed since the Baiona decisions were proposed, Joan Mari Torrealdai –sociologist, writer, member of the Basque Language Academy-Euskaltzaindia and President of the Jakin Foundation– has decided to analyse the work carried out by Txillardegui and the leading role he played during that decisive phase of the unification process of the Basque language. Indeed, Txillardegui and the unified Basque language are inseparable. The cultural milieu and linguistic controversy of the 50s and 60s are analysed by explaining the keys to the conversion process of the Basque language into a language of culture and with social outreach. [Joan Mari Torrealdai](#)

BOOKS

To die killing. The counter-insurgency policy during the last years of the Franco dictatorship

The sociologist and translator Daniel Escribano reviews the book by the historian Pau Casanellas *Morir matando. El franquismo en crisis ante la violencia política. 1968-1977 (To die killing. The Franco era in crisis in view of political violence)* (Los Libros de la Catarata, 2014). Casanellas focuses on the policy pursued by the Franco dictatorship during its last critical years against insurgent groups, highlighting the continuity of that policy between the Franco era and the first governments during the Monarchy. [Daniel Escribano](#)

A chapter of repression during the civil war

Taking the book by Anxo Ferreiro *Consejos de guerra contra el clero vasco (1936-1944)*. *La Iglesia Vasca vencida (Court-martials against the Basque clergy (1936-1944). The defeated Basque Church)* (Intxorta 1937 Kultur Elkartea, 2013), Martin Orbe –member of Euskal Herriko Apaizen Koordinakundea (Priests' Coordinator of the Basque Country)– demands a complete, non-partisan report on the course of action taken by the Basque Church and the persecution endured by many of its members during the civil war and post-war years. Such a report, in the author's view, is essential to help democratically and fairly solve the Basque conflict. **Martin Orbe**

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This gathers together cultural information focusing on the present from various areas and perspectives. This year we shall be closely following culture, economic, sociolinguistic and communication matters. This section draws on various specialists: Nagore Amondarain, Joseba Barandiaran, Dabid Anaut and Gorka Julio. **Various authors**