

## BASQUE LANGUAGE, NATION, STATE

### We had and still have the *raison d'être*

Alaitz Aizpuru, a Philosophy graduate, analyzes the contribution made by new Basque thought and the renewal of nationalism in the post-World War II years. This entailed a new way of understanding all things Basque that was better suited to the spirit of the age and laid the foundations for the current national construction model. **Alaitz Aizpuru**

### The relationship between the Basque language and the nationalist vote

Haritz Garmendia, holding a PhD in Sociology, analyzes the relationship between the Basque language and the nationalist vote. Specifically, the author concludes that the level of transmission, use and knowledge of the language has a bearing on the tendency towards the nationalist vote. **Haritz Garmendia**

### The origin of a myth

The writer Koldo Izagirre reflects on the myth of attraction: the key to expansion of the Basque language lies in its being as attractive, useful and gratifying as Spanish and French. We are facing the challenge of transforming a collective situation or social problem into a specific or personal one. **Koldo Izagirre**

### No longer being a national language so as to be a state language

Unai Apaolaza, a Philosophy graduate, wonders whether the union of nation and Basque language is a suitable strategy for constituting a state and normalizing the Basque language. The author plays down a range of prejudices regarding the nationalist strategy and reflects on the effective strategy for normalization of the Basque language. **Unai Apaolaza**

### In search of political formulation

The writer Joxe Manuel Odriozola argues that, as nobody calls into question the hegemonic place occupied by the language within the national identity system, attempts to undervalue the Basque language in the national and state construction process lead to a serious national crisis. Indeed, the original pro-linguistic and cultural identity policy of the Basque nation is subordinate to other objectives. **Joxe Manuel Odriozola**

### Basque language, state and feminism

Jule Goikoetxea, a lecturer in Political Science, proposes the feminist route to the Basque State in order to rescue the Basque language and women from subordination –a Basque-speaking, democratic and feminist state– provided that feminism, the Basque language and democracy become hegemonic. **Jule Goikoetxea**

### About the independent Basque Republic

Eduardo Apodaka, a lecturer in Social Psychology, defends the articulation of subordinate diversity via the universality of marginalized and subjugated subjectivities against old-school universality and its desire for totalization. The author argues that there is no point in separating the two roots of the movement in favor of the Basque Country (the defense of its own institutions and the movement in favor of the Basque language), instead advocating its articulation alongside the other subordinate subjectivities. **Eduardo Apodaka**

### In favor of a new Amaiur

Idurre Eskisabel, journalist and member of the Jakin Editorial Board, maintains that at this time when we are currently experiencing the beginning of a new political cycle, old questions resurface with new verve –what makes us *us*, a community, and what does a differing identity consist of? Rather than abandoning these questions, the author suggests reformulating them with new meanings: shaping that us based on more profoundly-democratic parameters using open-minded, wide-ranging and inclusive imagery and values. **Idurre Eskisabel**

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