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5.30pm

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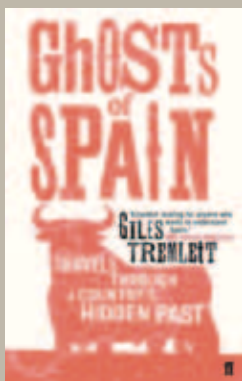
## Ghosts of Spain: Travels through a country's hidden past

Giles Tremlett, Journalist

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This year, Southampton's School of Humanities is delighted to introduce Giles Tremlett, current correspondent for *The Guardian* and *The Economist* in Madrid. His book *Ghosts of Spain: Travels through a country's hidden past* (2007) has been translated into five languages and sold over 11,000 copies in the UK and over 5,000 abroad. It addresses a fundamental and challenging question that needs to be asked in order to fully understand contemporary Spanish politics and society: Why have the Spanish kept silent about the terrors of the Spanish Civil War and the rule of dictator Generalísimo Francisco Franco?



The appearance - sixty years after that war ended - of mass graves containing victims of Franco's death squads has finally broken what Spaniards call 'the pact of forgetting'. This is the starting point of Tremlett's book, and of his journey around and through some of the most difficult issues of Spain's recent history. In his lecture, Tremlett will bring the subject up to date in light of the most recent developments in the country's efforts to recuperate a still painful and highly controversial historical memory. The lecture will address the following questions: To what extent have the wounds healed? Has Spain done enough to confront the past? Does justice have a role to play? What does all this tell us about the nature of the Spanish democratic transition?

### Schedule

5:30pm refreshments

6pm lecture

### Applications to attend

There is no charge to attend this event. To register your place and confirm any special requirements you may have, please contact:

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### Location

The lecture will take place in the James Parkes Building (B65) on the University of Southampton's Avenue Campus

Click here for directions to the Avenue Campus  
[www.soton.ac.uk/ml/about/location.html](http://www.soton.ac.uk/ml/about/location.html)

### Car parking

Free parking will be available on the Avenue Campus in any vacant bay, unless designated for a specific purpose.

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