



The associative movement of Uruguayans in Spain

Reconstructing the Diaspora and the Nation

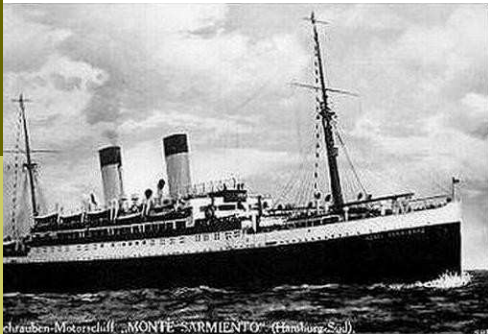
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Context

- Uruguay received larger amounts of immigrants during the XIX century and the first half of XX century, mainly coming from Southern Europe



2. EMIGRANTES. – Muelle de La Coruña. Edificio de "La Terraza", 1906.

Percentage of foreign of the all population

Total Uruguay

1860	33.5%
1908	17.4%

Source: Camou 1997, Bureau of Census

Montevideo

1860	47.7%
1884	44.4%
1908	30.4%
1930	22.63%

Source: Camou 1997, Bureau of Census

Percentage of each nationality in the total of foreign

	1860	1908
Spanish	23,8	30,3
Italians	13,0	34,3
Frenchs	11,7	4,6
Others	51,5	30,7

Source: Camou 1997, Bureau of Census

Context

- Throughout the last three decades, Uruguay has become one of the Latin American countries with a larger proportion of its population living abroad (15% percent)

- There are two important flows:
 - In 60 's and 70 's: Economic and political crisis
 - In 90 's, but was more relevant since economic crisis of 2002

International migration in intercensus period

Period	Total	Man	Women
1963-1975	185.710	50,1%	49,9%
1975-1985	122.804	-	-
1985-1996	68.170	55%	45%
1996-2004	122.000	57%	43%

Source: Institute of Statistics of Uruguay, 2005.

Context

- ❑ In the seventies, the main destiny was Latin American countries.
- ❑ The host countries of recent migrations are United States of America and Spain.
 - Uruguayan migration to Spain have increased in the last four years.

**Population born in Uruguay
(register in town council)**

2001	20.407
2002	27.161
2003	40.524
2004	55.307
2005	70.310

Source: Institute of Statistics of Spain, 2005

- ❑ At the same time, the number of associative Uruguayan organizations and other organizations in Uruguay such associations of migrant families or Non Governmental Organizations, increased.

Context

- The main Uruguayan communities in Spain are located in Madrid, Valencia, Galicia and Cataluña



Associative movement of Uruguayans in Spain

- There are more than 20 Uruguayan migrants associations in Spain



● Uruguayan Association

Associative movement of Uruguayans in Spain

□ The principal aims of the majority of the associations are:

■ Connect the Uruguayan migrants to each other



■ Keep the Uruguayan identity alive



Associative movement of Uruguayans in Spain

- The principal aims of the majority of the associations are:
 - Provide legal advice and information about residence and employment
 - Promote cooperation programs between Uruguayan migrants in Spain and their country
 - Participate in different cultural activities in the local community

Associative movement of Uruguayans in Spain

- The principal aims of the majority of the associations are:
 - Let the local community know about Uruguayan culture and contribute to the Uruguayan migrant integration into Spanish society



Associative movement of Uruguayans in Spain

- The main activities developed are focused in three areas:
 - Activities related with the claim of rights for migrants
 - Festive and cultural activities
 - Local and transnational cooperation activities

Associative movement of Uruguayans in Spain

- Characteristics of associative movement
 - Emerged from the initiative of individuals
 - The leaders have background in political and trade-union participation issues
 - The majority of most of the active members and leaders possess Spanish nationality
 - Some associations develop activities in which can participate nearly 500 people, others cannot assemble more than 25

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□ Characteristics of associative movement

- “La Casa de Uruguay en...”: Having a place of meeting makes the difference in the way that members feel the association and activities have developed



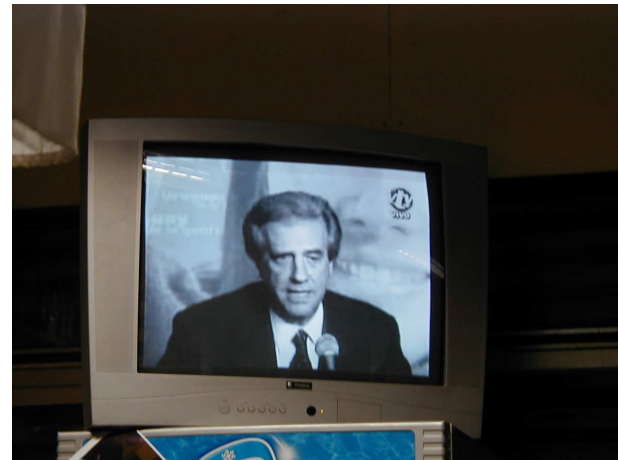
Associative movement of Uruguayans in Spain

- Transnational rights demanded by Uruguayans in Spain
 - In the last four years there have been two important actions and mobilizations:
 - Actions has been related with and agreement signed in 1870 (“favorite nation”)



Associative movement of Uruguayans in Spain

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 - In the last four years there have been two important actions and mobilizations:
 - Another mobilization has been the claim for the right to vote from abroad



Politics from the Uruguayan State to the Uruguayan Diaspora

- ❑ At the beginning of the democratic period on which several measures were adopted in order to facilitate the return of those exiled.
- ❑ Then, a period of forgetfulness in which non measures were adopted.
- ❑ In 2001 politicians began to adopt the first initiatives to link the State with migrants.
- ❑ After the elections of 2004, the new government declares that the links between Uruguay and its Diaspora must become an important part of State politics.

Politics from the Uruguayan State to the Uruguayan Diaspora

- 1985-1988: National Commission for Repatriation
 - The aim of this commission was to provide assistance to the politically exiled that returned to Uruguay

- 1988-2001: “indifference” to emigrants

- 2000: in his investiture discourse, president Batlle said:
 - “El Estado será, junto a la sociedad civil, un gran factor de unión y de reencuentro reincorporando así, en un mundo en el que las fronteras físicas tienden a desaparecer, a multitud de uruguayos que hoy residen fuera del país, para que compartan la gran causa del despegue de la sociedad”.

- 2001: First initiative “Programa de vinculación con los uruguayos residentes en el exterior”

Politics from the Uruguayan State to the Uruguayan Diaspora

- 2005 : In his investiture discourse Tabaré Vázquez suggested his own idea of a country:
 - "...porque los países son no su superficie, no su bandera, no su escudo, todo ello pero mucho más: son su gente"

- New actions:
 - A new General Director to link with Uruguayans living abroad (special agency at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs)

 - A new project: Departamento 20: la patria peregrina (The 20th Department: the wandering native country)

Politics from the Uruguayan State to the Uruguayan Diaspora

- Departamento 20: la patria peregrina
 - The main point of this project are:
 - The creation of a Nationality and Citizenship Registration Office
 - The creation of Consultative Councils in different regions and countries
 - The creation of an internet webpage

Politics from the Uruguayan State to the Uruguayan Diaspora

Conexión Uruguay :: El sitio del departamento 20 - Microsoft Internet Explorer

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Nueva Política Migratoria

- Departamento 20
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Nuevo Consejo Consultivo en Vale do Sinos, Brasil


Este 26 de Agosto de 2006, en Novo Hamburgo, se creó el nuevo Consejo Consultivo de Uruguayos de la región del Vale do Sinos y la Sierra, Rio Grande do Sul, Brasil, en acto con importante afluencia de uruguayos que residen en esa zona y que nos han enviado varios documentos para compartir.

Pulse aquí para descargar el discurso de apertura del Acto de Fundación del Consejo; o bien haga click aquí para descargar el Acta de formación del Consejo.

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Nuevo: Vea el recorte de prensa del evento.


Puede contactar a los organizadores del consejo a través de tefidomas@terra.com.br



Nuevo Consejo en Galicia

A fines del mes de junio se reunieron en Galicia numerosas organizaciones de uruguayos que allí residen, habiendo decidido crear un nuevo Consejo Consultivo en ese lugar.


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Nuevo Consejo Consultivo en Asturias


Aledor de 40 compatriotas residentes en el Principado de Asturias se reunieron para formar el nuevo Consejo Consultivo, aprobando el acta constitutiva del mismo.

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Bandera uruguaya flamea en Nueva Zelanda

Gracias a una iniciativa de un puñado de compatriotas uruguayos, el paisaje de Auckland, Nueva Zelanda, fue coronado por la bandera uruguaya, flameando en su principal y más panorámico puente junto al pabellón neozelandés.



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Politics from the Uruguayan State to the Uruguayan Diaspora

□ Uruguayan associations in Spain and the Consultative Councils

- "...la concreción debe tener en cuenta nuestra propia idiosincrasia".
"Los consejos consultivos como instancia global deben asumir la heterogeneidad que se expresa en cada lugar, sin pretender proyectarse como SINTESIS ASOCIATIVA, ya que los campos de acción son diferentes".
- "Reconocer el papel de las Asociaciones no sólo implica decirlo, se debe instrumentar y reconocer su existencia y trascendencia ... no es posible eludir el reconocimiento institucional de las mismas y trasladarlo a una estructura que funcionará en el marco institucional, ya que serían abalados o no por la Cancillería según parámetros que aún no están claros"

Conclusion

- The creation of this transnational community is dynamic and there are many actors in the play. The media is playing an important role and other organizations such as migrant's family associations are becoming strong links between Uruguay and its Diaspora