

PHILOSOPHY AND TERROR

Since 10 years ago, in 2012, I've been reading texts of survivors from concentration camps in Germany and Russia. After some readings, I found interesting to carry out a reflexión about those testimonies. I talked about this subject to the profesor of the University of Barcelona (UB) Josep Ma. Esquirol and he encouraged me to go ahead with this proposal. So, in this way this research project "Philosophy and terror" was born.

At the beginning my job was basically to compile material, based specially on readings of testimonies from de concentration camps, readings of history books about the camps and some selected philosophical readings. I gathered a lot of material, and all that material, which is not at all exhaustive, has benn the basis of the project.

The project was not predetermined, but it has evolved at the same time I was writing. The final result, so far, is three books. The first of them was published in February 2020 (*Testimonis sense veu*, Eumo editorial, Vic / *Testimonys without voice*). These are the contents:

Understanding terror means understanding ourselves

1. Testimonies of terror

Testimonies by chance

Feeling of guilt

Responsability to testify

Memory and oblivion

Saying the ineffable

Disenchantment

2. A philosophical reflexion on the testimonies of terror

3. The testimony's truth: historical truth and aesthetical truth

Coda

Bibliography

The title of the second volumen is: *Philosophy and terror II. Memories of the Necopolis*. The contents are the following:

1. Perspectives
2. *Untermenschen*
3. Birkenau's wagon

4. Memorys of the Necropolis
5. *Die Arbeit macht frei*
6. Graves in the air and "ossa humiliata"
7. Lords of Life and Death
8. Manuscripts don't burn
9. If that is a man
10. Samaritans
11. Relate the terror

At present I am working on a third volume whose title is: *Philosophy and Terror III. Guilt and Responsibility*. The contents are the followings:

1. Crime and punishment

2. Guilt and Responsibility

Governments's responsibility

Words and silences of the Churches

Between candour and responsibility: the Jews's Councils

URSS: denunciation as *modus vivendi*

The silenced memory

The silent accusation of victims and the responsibility of living people

3. Revenge, Justice, Forgiveness

Human revenge, too human

Dubious justice

Difficult forgiveness

4. The way of Ulisses and the way of Abraham

I have two more texts in mind. The fourth volume, whose title would be *The New Man of Socialism and the Pure Race of Nazism*, will deal with the origins and the structure of terror. Finally, the last volumen will be about *Memory and Hope*.

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