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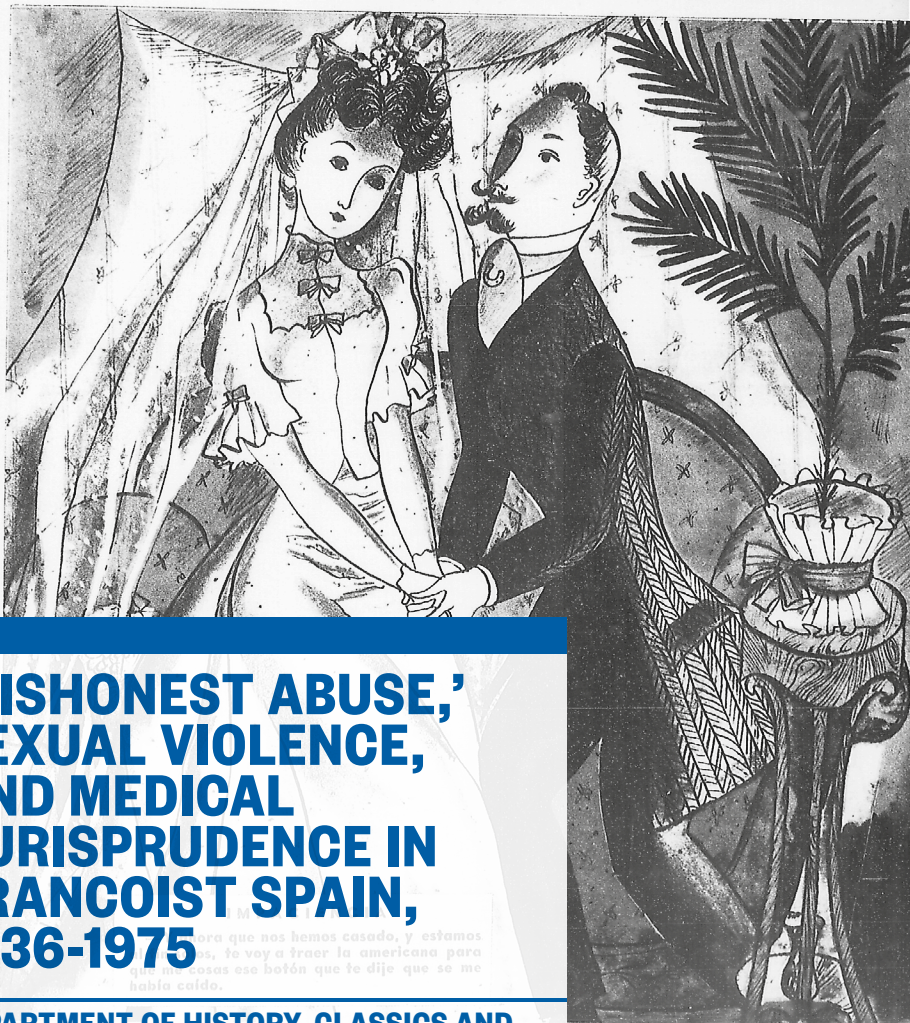


# CODORNIZ

La inventiva humana no tiene límites. Ayer fué la radio; más tarde, la televisión, y hoy, esto. Esto es un invento que no sabemos para qué sirve, pero que está muy bien inventado.

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## **'DISHONEST ABUSE,' SEXUAL VIOLENCE, AND MEDICAL JURISPRUDENCE IN FRANCOIST SPAIN, 1936-1975**

...ra que nos hemos casado, y estamos  
...te voy a traer la americana para  
...esas ese botón que te dije que se me  
había caído.

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# SEXUAL HARMS + MEDICAL ENCOUNTERS

## About Us

Sexual Harms and Medical Encounters (SHaME) is a research project exploring the role of medicine and psychiatry in sexual violence. We aim to move beyond shame to address this global health crisis. The project is funded by the Wellcome Trust and led by historian Joanna Bourke.

## Our Research

Sexual violence is one of the most serious problems in the contemporary world. Our interdisciplinary project seeks to understand the role played by medical professionals, including psychiatrists, in understanding and dealing with sexual harms.

Instead of shame, we advocate for empowerment and knowledge.

## **'Dishonest abuse', sexual violence, and medical jurisprudence in Francoist Spain, 1936-1975**

Stephanie Wright explores the role of forensic doctors and psychiatrists in sexual violence court cases in Spain under the Francoist dictatorship. The project constitutes a historical study of the legal term 'dishonest abuses,' which referred to a broad spectrum of criminalised sexual acts from rape and child abuse to homosexuality.

Given the strong influence of National Catholicism on discourses surrounding sex, virginity, and marriage, the case of Francoist Spain has much to contribute to historical understandings of sexual violence, particularly under dictatorial regimes.

This project will test the impact of socio-political context on peacetime experiences of sexual abuse through an exploration of how Franco's dictatorship affected the authority of the police surgeon and forensic psychiatrist.

Drawing on court records, medical textbooks and feminist publications, the project will elucidate the hierarchies between scientific and testimonial evidence within Spanish rape cases under Francoism, thereby offering an innovative perspective on sexual violence in the modern world.

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