

TITLE: Nuclear Power for a Dictatorship: State and Business involvement in the Spanish Atomic Program, 1950–85

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ABSTRACT: Spain was the first developing country to exploit a nuclear power plant commercially. By the early 1970s Spain had become the major nuclear client of the USA, the world's largest reactor exporter. Despite its importance, historians are just beginning to revisit and establish the sequence of the events that make up Spain's nuclear history. This article analyses the role played by the state in enabling one of Western Europe's poorest countries to join the exclusive nuclear power club. In a departure from the technological approach used in previous literature, the history of Spain's progress in the nuclear power field is retraced against the background of its political and economic evolution.

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