



NOTA DE PRENSA: 01.12.2021

International Day of the Basque Language celebrated in 10 countries

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Once again, the Etxepare Basque Institute will join in the International Day of the Basque Language, celebrated this year on 3 December. Various activities organised by Etxepare's partner university lectureship programmes and Basque cultural centres around the world will offer Basques in the diaspora and Basque language students a chance to learn about the Basque language and culture. A variety of events, courses and talks will reach different parts of Europe and the Americas through cultural programmes organised within Etxepare's international network of lectureships. This year's activities will take place in ten countries, with many of the events streamed live.

The activities to be held on Basque Day include conferences and film screenings in cities including Chicago, Santiago de Chile, Moscow, Prague, Bologna, Barcelona and Reno, among others.

The lecturers are teachers who offer Basque language and culture courses to undergraduate and/or postgraduate students at universities outside the Basque Country. It is a programme set up and coordinated by the Etxepare Basque Institute in collaboration with foreign universities. It is these instructors and all their students who make up the lectureship programme network. In addition to teaching Basque language

and culture classes, the lecturers also raise awareness about Basque customs and traditions abroad. With support from the Etxepare Basque Institute, they plan activities related to Basque culture throughout the year to draw attention to special days, important figures or customs rooted in the Basque Country.

The International Day of the Basque Language was first declared in 1949 by Eusko Ikaskuntza. Officially, however, the celebrations, meetings and other activities around the International Day of the Basque Language began in 1995, when the Basque diaspora held its first worldwide congress. The Basque Government and Euskaltzaindia considered it appropriate to declare 3 December International Day of the Basque Language.

The full list of this year's events is shown below:

Santiago, Chile

1 December, 2pm (Santiago)

Talks

Maider de Olmo Zubeldia, lecturer in Chile

Kinku Zinkunegi, head of the Euskara Munduan programme

Iñigo Asensio, director of the documentary 'Euskara Munduan'

Chicago, United States

University of Chicago

2 December

Basque and Catalan Movie Club - Bertsolaritza in the Basque Country: A unique tradition

Discussion and film screening

Prague, Czech Republic



Masaryk University and Karlova University

2 & 3 December

Screening of the film 'Dantza' in Brno on 2 December. Conversation with Oier Araolaza about the film and Basque dances on 3 December.

The film will be screened at the University of Brno. The conversation with Araolaza will be online via Zoom on Friday 3 December at 12:00 noon. In English

Bolonia, Italia

Madre Mater University of Bologna and online

2 December

Talk: 'Studiare basco in un barnetegi'

Marta de Pedis and Claire d'Inca, students at the Amorebieta barnetegi (total immersion Basque language school), will talk about their experiences. De Pedis is currently a researcher at the University of the Basque Country and will talk about the importance of the Basque language in her professional and personal career.

La Plata, Argentina

University of La Plata

1 December

Talk: 'Material, clases, propuestas... para los estudiantes vascos de la Diáspora' (In Spanish)

6pm in Argentina. 10pm in the Basque Country.

Professor Jon Urdangarin de Maizpide will talk about the Euskara Munduan programme.

Anyone not in La Plata is invited to follow the event on Zoom. Afterwards there will be a toast at the university.



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Leipzig, Alemania

2 December

University of Leipzig

Basque language class

10am

Poznan, Poland

Adam Mickiewicz University

1-8 December

Talks on Basque language and culture in Poland with Katarzyna Mirgos, Joanna Zawiszewska, Natalia Stolarska, students and alumni.

Barcelona, Catalonia

University of Barcelona and Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (UAB)

Talk + Exhibition + Screening of Kimuak + Mintzodromoa

Lecture by Koldo Zuazo on Basque language and dialectology

Exhibition of the work of photographer and designer Igotz Ziarreta at the UAB and at the entrance to the university library.

Screen of Kimuak short films

On 10 December, a mintzodromoa (meeting for practicing spoken Basque) will be organised in collaboration with the Euskal Etxea and the Official Language School of Barcelona.

Moscow, Russia

Lomonosov University in Moscow

Conversation with Nerea Madariaga, lecturer at the UPV / EHU, expert in Russian



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Reno, United States

Thursday, 2 December

10-11:30am PST – 7-8:00pmCET

Talks

Xabier Irujo: Basque in exile

Asier Barandiaran: Basque in the Diaspora in verse and discourse

Eneko Bidegain: letters and spoken words

Mexico City, Mexico

4 December

1pm

Documentary 'Amari' + meeting of Basque students

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