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TechnoNatural Revolutions Paco Rana's Wet Dream for Spain

In this presentation, we seek to document and substantiate the scalar production of techno-natures by elaborating how Spain's modernization process after the Civil War became a deeply and very specific scalar geographical project, articulated through the production of a specific technonatural hydraulic edifice. We shall focus on the momentous transformation of the hydraulic environment during the Franco period (1939-1975) and seek to reformulate Spain's socio-hydraulic reconstruction in the context of a double and partly contradictory 'scalar' politics. This, in turn, will permit casting light on the current intense hydro-political struggled unfolding in Spain.

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