

# Survival Through an “Age of Conflict”: Marking the Trajectory of a Spanish, Ismaili Family During and After La Guerra Civil Española

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With thirty-two countries in participation, World War I marked one of the first, major events in the 20th century

by dictator Francisco Franco, Catholicism was the majority and only accepted faith tradition in Spanish society and practice was enforced nationally by the government.

Amidst such ordinances, religious minority communities continued to exist within Spain throughout the mid-20th century. Haji, an Ismaili community member who fled his original community back in India, yet he continued to practice Ismailism and even taught it to his children. Today, the Spanish Ismaili community spans across five generations of Haji's family, representing the first and oldest Ismaili community in Europe.

This research aims to understand how the lived experiences of a Spanish, Ismaili family was influenced by La Guerra Civil Española and how this has shaped the survival of a minority, Muslim community in Spain from the mid-20th century until today. Four, key themes have been highlighted for analysis: the