

El principal deseo de los Estados mercantilistas preindustriales fue el de conseguir dinero para sostener a los Ejércitos. Tanto en tiempo de paz como de guerra, los costes militares representan una parte muy importante del presupuesto nacional, de modo que los Estados más eficientes son aquellos capaces de sostener mayores niveles de gasto. Los necesarios efectos institucionales de dicha política tuvieron significativas repercusiones sobre la economía y la sociedad de las naciones europeas. Finalmente, solo el Estado nacional tenía la fuerza suficiente para satisfacer la demanda militar de hombres, equipamiento, armas y alimentos. Dicha actuación supuso una increíble fuente de oportunidades para diferentes sectores de la economía nacional e internacional, pública o privada, que se movilizaron con el objeto de satisfacer las necesidades del Estado y alcanzar sus objetivos.

Getting funds to support the Army and Navy expenditure was the main wish of the preindustrial Mercantilist States. Not only in peaceful period but also during wars, the military expenses are a main part of the national budget. Therefore the more efficient countries are those capable to keep higher level of expenditure. Such policy has important institutional effects on the European economies and societies. Finally, only the National State is strong enough to cover de military demand of men, equipment, arms and food. This activity means an incredible source of opportunities for both national and international economical sectors, public and private, which mobilized to satisfy the demand and to get their objectives.

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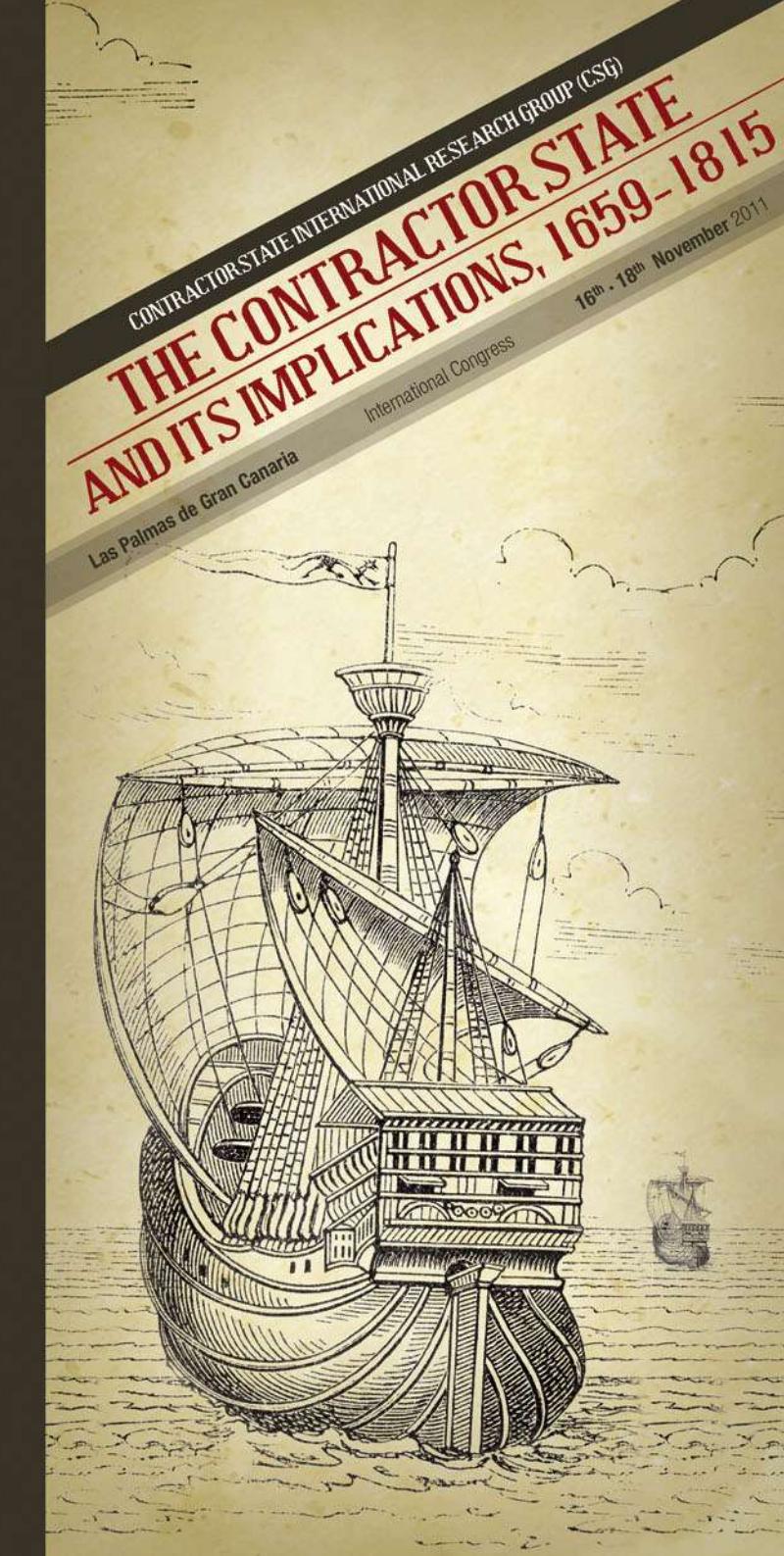
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# Contractor State International Research Group

El Contractor State Group (CSG) es un grupo de investigación de carácter internacional que nace con el propósito de profundizar en el proceso de formación y desarrollo de los Estados nacionales. Este nuevo congreso de Las Palmas de Gran Canaria pretende incidir precisamente en la actuación del Estado como agente contratante y dinamizador de la actividad económica en cada territorio nacional. El período de análisis abarca desde la segunda mitad del siglo XVII, momento en que dichas actividades son perfectamente reconocibles en muchos estados europeos, hasta el final de las guerras napoleónicas.

The Contractor State Group (CSG) is an international researching team which is created in order to study the process of growing and development of the national State. The main objective of our new congress, placed in Las Palmas of Gran Canaria, is to analyze the State activity as a contractor agent and stimulate the economical activity in each country. The researching period covers from the middle 17th century, when such activities are perfectly patent in some of the European countries, to the end of Napoleonic Wars.

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## Wednesday 16th November 2011

Salón Santo Mauro. Hotel NH Imperial Playa.

### 9:00 h. Opening & Presentation.

Sergio Solbes Ferri (congress coordinator).

**10:00 h.** Huw V. Bowen (Swansea University, UK), Trading with the enemy: British private trade and the supply of arms to India during the long eighteenth century.

**10:45 h.** Pepijn Brandon (University of Amsterdam, HOLLAND), Global power, local connections: Dutch Admiralty Colleges and their supply networks (1650-1795).

### 11:00 h. Coffee Break.

**11:30 h.** Joël Félix (University of Reading, UK), Victualling the King's armies: The Munitionnaire des Vivres de Flandres et d'Allemagne and the debates about the French military supply system under Louis XV, 1740-1764.

**12:15 h.** Martii Rantanen (University of Gothenburg, Sweden), Supplying Swedish army and war effort in the 18<sup>th</sup> century: provisions and contractors

### 13:00 h. Lunch.

**15:30 h.** Toshiaki Tamaki (Kyoto Sangyo University, JAPAN), The transformation of Tokugawa military regime in the first half of the 18<sup>th</sup> century in Japan: with special reference to Yoshimune's Reformation.

**16:15 h.** M<sup>a</sup> Cristina Moreira (University of Minho, Portugal), Portuguese State's military food supply in the early 19<sup>th</sup> century.

**17:00 h.** Patrick K. O'Brien (London School of Economics, UK), Fiscal State Formation: A Global Perspective.

## Thursday 17th November 2011

Salón Santo Mauro. Hotel NH Imperial Playa.

**9:30 h.** Roger Knight & Martin Wilcox (Greenwich Maritime Institute, University of Greenwich, UK), War, Government and the Market: the Direction of the Debate on the British Contractor State, c1740-1815.

**10:15 h.** Rafael Torres Sánchez (Universidad de Navarra, Spain), Contractor State and Mercantilism. The Spanish-Navy hemp supply policy in the second half of the 18<sup>th</sup> century.

### 11:00 h. Coffee Break.

**11:30 h.** Helen J. Paul (University of Southampton, UK), The Royal African Company's contractors: supply to a major joint-stock company.

**12:15 h.** Eduardo Galván Rodríguez (University of Las Palmas de Gran Canaria, Spain), Who spends the Spanish Inquisition's Money?

### 13:00 h. Lunch.

**15:30 h.** Margrit Schulte (University of Dusseldorf, Germany), Supplying the belligerent countries: transnational trading networks during the Napoleonic Wars .

**16:15 h.** Pierrick Pourchasse (Université de Bretagne Occidentale-Brest, France), French Marine contracts and the supplies of naval stores from Northern Europe in the 18<sup>th</sup> Century.

**17:00 h.** CSG Meeting: work suggestions y future objectives.

## Friday, 18th November 2011

Aula de Piedra. Edificio Institucional de la ULPGC.

**10:00 h.** Sergio Solbes Ferri (Universidad de Las Palmas de Gran Canaria, Spain), Contracting and Accounting: Wardrobe supplies for the Spanish Army and the General Treasury accounts during the 18<sup>th</sup> century.

**10:45 h.** Richard Harding (University of Westminster, UK), Contractors, warships of the Royal Navy and British sea power, 1739-1748.

### 11:30 h. Coffee Break.

**12:00 h.** Agustín González Enciso (Universidad de Navarra, Spain), Arms and ammunition supplies for the Spanish state in the 18<sup>th</sup> century.

**12:45 h.** Stephen Conway (University College, London, UK), Provisioning the combined army in Germany during the Seven Years War, 1758-1762: who benefited?

**13:30 h.** PBook presentation: S. Conway & R. Torres Sánchez (eds.), The spending of the States. Military expenditure during the long eighteenth century: patterns, organisation and consequences, 1650-1815, VDM Verlag, Saarbrücken, Germany.

**14:00 h.** Closing ceremony: Ilustrísimo y Magnífico Rector de la ULPGC Dr. José Regidor García.