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I spent two Research Stays at the Erasmus University of Rotterdam, in 2008 and 2010.

My experience was really good and fruitful in both cases. My first stay took place during the months of September and October of 2008. I participated in two seminars within the Master "History and Society". The first seminar, "Historical culture and historical consciousness", was organized by Professor Maria Grever. The second one, History of Equality, was organized by Professor Siep Stuurman. I remember perfectly that I was really impressed with the rigor and professionalism of both seminars. I learnt how to organize and how to work efficiently in a seminar group. I have put into practice in my classes in the Universitat Internacional de Catalunya (Barcelona, Spain), many things I learnt then. In the seminar lead by Prof. Maria Grever I improved a lot my knowledge about theory of history. The texts we read have been fundamental in the large conceptualization that opens my doctoral thesis about Public Memory in Barcelona during the Second Spanish Republic. In 2008, I was at the beginning of my phd research. I have finished it now, and I must say that my stays in Rotterdam and my link with the Center for Historical Culture have been decisive to get the best mark. I always felt very well received in the Center and my informal conversations with Prof. Grever and Robbert-Jan Adriaansen were really enlightening for my research. I thank them the theoretical and metodological orientations they gave me and the texts they facilitated me.

In September 2010, I spent another month in the Erasmus University and in the Center for Historical Culture. Prof. Grever gave me the opportunity to lead a seminar session about my research. As a fruit of this seminar, I have published recently the article "Street names, politics of memory and social debate in Republican Barcelona (1931-1936): A theorethical reflection and case study, *Catalan Journal of Communication and Cultural Studies*, n. 4 (1), 2012, pp. 3-19. I had the opportunity to spend a lot of hours in the library and during that month I wrote the theoretical framework of my thesis. For the things I learnt and for the treatment I received, I will be always grateful to professor Grever and the Center for Historical Culture of the Erasmus University of Rotterdam.