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**Abstract:** Economic ideas play a vital role in public decision-making. The energy sector is an emblematic case: competition policies (e.g. anti-trust laws, deregulation), taxation, emission permits and sustainable-growth programmes all have origins rooted in economic reasoning. Today, more than 80% of the world's primary energy comes from fossil fuel combustion, contributing strongly (75% of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions) to climate change. To understand the historical developments that led to this situation, an in-depth examination of past economic discourses, concepts, theories, models and policy recommendations is essential, not only in the English-speaking world but all around the globe. The ETRAHET project, funded by the European Research Council (ERC StG 2022-2027), aims to analyse how economics has dealt with energy issues and transitions since the early 19th century, in diverse market-economy contexts (5 areas: Continental Western Europe, the British Isles, North America, Latin America, Japan). In this presentation, we will present the main objectives, research questions and methods of the ETRAHET project, with a focus on the Spanish- and Portuguese-speaking historical economic literature, in order to let our Spanish and Portuguese colleagues know about the project and benefit from their expertise to identify the authors and episodes most likely to serve as a basis for our investigation.