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call for papers

Merida, Yucatan, Mexico, november 19th a 24th

International and
Interdisciplinary
Conference

Alexander von Humboldt
and travelers through Yucatan
2018

The Peninsular Center for Humanities and Social Sciences (CEPHCIS) of the National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM), the Humanities Coordination of the UNAM, the Humboldt State University of California and the University of Groningen are pleased to invite the national and international academic communities to the "IX International and Interdisciplinary Conference Alexander von Humboldt and Travelers Through Yucatan", which will take place in Merida, Yucatan, Mexico between 19th and 24th of November 2018. The main objective of the conference is to encourage the academic interdisciplinary debate around the prominent figure of Alexander von Humboldt and the travelers who toured the Yucatan from the first explorations of the Spanish conquerors to our present days. The debate includes both the social, physical and natural sciences as well as the humanities. The importance of the figure of Alexander von Humboldt in the studies on America cannot be denied. From his arrival to the New Continent and his observation and recording of the natural, social, archaeological and cultural reality, he defined not only areas of knowledge concerning the broad regions of America, but also a new way of conceiving knowledge. Crossing disciplinary boundaries, Humboldt enriched the natural sciences with aesthetics, and the latter with science, and it is from this early moment in the nineteenth century, in this mixture of the scientific knowledge and artistic sensitivity, that the American space and identity are reconfigured. The "IX International and Interdisciplinary Conference Alexander von Humboldt and Travelers Through Yucatan" invites to reclaim and revitalize the rich heritage of the interdisciplinary dialogue that propelled Alexander von Humboldt on his journey through America.

TOPICS

GENERAL

Alexander von Humboldt
Travelers between Yucatan and Europe
Travelers between Yucatan and America
Travelers between Yucatan and Asia
Travelers between Yucatan and the rest of the world

SCIENCE AND AESTHETICS

Travels and archaeology
Travels and ethnography
Travels and politics
Travels and history
Travels and literature
Travels and philosophy
Travels and sociology
Travels and natural sciences
Travels and ecology
Travels and medicine

GENRES

Travel literature
Travel anthologies
Travel journals
Travel letters and chronicles
Theoretical approaches to the genre

TYPES OF TRAVELS

Discovery travels
Conquest travels
Missionary travels
Diplomatic travels
Political travels
Scientific travels
Journalistic travels
Aesthetic travels
Space travels

OTHER TOPICS

Traveling women
Travels and the construction of the other
Emigration, exile, immigration
Graphic representation of travels
(drawings, paintings, engraving, photos)

COMPLEMENTARY SESSIONS

STUDENT FORUM. This session is dedicated to the dialogue regarding travel literature among students from National Autonomous University of Mexico, Humboldt State University, Autonomous University of Yucatan, University of Delaware and University of Groningen.

FICTIONS AND POETRY. This session is dedicated to reading texts of fiction and poetry from contemporary authors who have written travel literature.

LANGUAGES OF THE CONFERENCE

Spanish
English
French
Maya

PARTICIPATION MODALITIES

Presentations by participants
Participants in complementary sessions
Guests

The event is open to specialists, professionals and graduate students and to all those interested in the themes covered by the Conference.

Participants interested in reading a paper, please submit title, five keywords and an abstract (200 words maximum) by September 30th, 2017.

Include your complete information (name, affiliation, area of specialty, email address).

The email address to submit the information is humboldtyucatan2018@gmail.com.

NOTE: The reading of the papers should not exceed 20 minutes (8 pages, double-spaced, 2000 words approximately).

The Organizing and Scientific Committees will be selecting papers to be considered for publication in a book.

DEADLINES

Abstract submission: September 30th, 2017.
Abstract acceptance: November 30th, 2017.
Registration fee: February 12th, 2018.
Late registration fee: April 12th, 2018.

REGISTRATION FEES

Registration fee (by February 12th, 2018)
Students: USD 30.00
Participants with papers: USD 200.00
Participants in the complementary sessions: USD 150.00
Guests: USD 100.00

Late registration fee (by April 12th, 2018)

Students: USD 30.00
Participants with papers: USD 250.00
Participants in the complementary sessions: USD 200.00
Guests: USD 150.00

WEBSITE

The website of the Peninsular Center for Humanities and Social Sciences of the UNAM is: <http://www.cephcis.unam.mx>

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