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# call for papers

Merida, Yucatan, Mexico, november 19<sup>th</sup> a 24<sup>th</sup>

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, the University of Groningen, the Bureau of Higher Education, Innovation and Research of the State of Yucatan and the Merida City Council, 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 19<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Include your complete information (name, affiliation, area of specialty, email address).

The email address to submit the information is [humboldtyucatan2018@gmail.com](mailto: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 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017.  
Abstract acceptance: November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017.  
Registration fee: February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018.  
Late registration fee: April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

### REGISTRATION FEES

Registration fee (by February 12<sup>th</sup>, 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 12<sup>th</sup>, 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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