

SYSTEMIC COLLOQUIUM

On

THE VALUES OF THE QUIXOTE

Villanueva de los Infantes

-the “place of la Mancha” which name Cervantes did not want to remember-

Campo de Montiel, Spain, from 28 June to 2 July, 2017

Offered by the Sociedad Española de Sistemas Generales (SESGE) in collaboration with the II Congreso Internacional América-Europa sobre los Valores del Quijote (IICAE17)
(see www.congresoamericaeuropa.org)

Given the role played by the theory and methodology of Systems and Cybernetics in the discovery of the Place of la Mancha in Cervantes’ novel Don Quixote, the Sociedad Española de Sistemas Generales (SESGE) wants to invite all the participants at the II Congreso Internacional América-Europa 2017 (IICAE17) who could be familiar with the systemic approaches, to present a paper at the

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on the general subject

“The Quixote and Systems Theory”.

under the following special conditions:

*The venue is the “Casa de Espiritualidad de las Madres Siervas de Jesus”, 7 kms from Villanueva de los Infantes, situated in a countryside full of trees in contrast with the flat and dry land of la Mancha, on the same way used by don Quixote in the novel returning from Sierra Morena. There are gardens, a swimming pool, conference salon, a church and sports field. All the academic sessions will take place at this venue.

The papers may deal with any of the two groups of themes:

A) SESSIONS ON THE NOVEL OF DON QUIXOTE AS A COMPLEX SYSTEM OF SENTENCES

B) SESSIONS ON GENERAL SYSTEMS THEORY AND CYBERNETICS

A) **The systemic analysis of the novel of “don Quijote de la Mancha”**

Some relevant themes:

*Can the novel of don Quixote be seen as a closed/open system of sentences?

*Can it be also seen as a closed system of values?

*Can Systems Theory be applied to literary analysis with positive results?

*The discovery of the “place of la Mancha” through systemic approaches: critical aspects.

*What could be the axiological impact of The Quixote in the contemporary world?

B) **Towards an historical view of the positive applications of Systems Theory and Cybernetics**

Some relevant themes:

*Historical empirical contributions of Systems Theory and Cybernetics: from Systems Dynamics (Forrester) to the discovery of the Place of la Mancha in The Quixote (Universidad Complutense de Madrid)

*The Viable Model of S. Bear: the Spanish political change in 1978.

* Second-Order Cybernetics: Some ethical aspects from Von Foester to Stuart Umpleby

*The Soft Systems Methodology of Checkland. The case of Brexit

*Systemic mediation in conflicts

*Some systemic approaches in Medicine. The contribution of Dr. Martí Bosch

- *The systemic approach in Family Problems
- *Internet Security: some systemic approaches
- *Systemic solutions to Government Problems
- *Free choice of other subjects

LANGUAGE

Papers can be written and presented in English, French and Spanish. Nevertheless it is recommended to use Power Point presentations in English to improve communication between participants.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS:

For the colleagues specialized in Systems Theory and Cybernetics whose papers and CV have been accepted for the Systemic Colloquium, the **“Sociedad Española de Sistemas Generales”** (SESGE) and the **“II Congreso Internacional America-Europa: los Valores del Quijote”** (IICIAE17) will pay their full accommodation (breakfast, break, lunch and dinner) during the 6 nights/ 5 days of the stay in the Casa de la Espiritualidad. Accompanyng persons will pay for meals

*For all the paper givers accepted for the Systemic Colloquium, or for the IICIAE17, the Congress will facilitate the transport from Madrid to Villanueva de los Infantes (225 km), on the 27 June 2017 (avoiding thus the logical difficulties of information, taxis, schedules, buses, transfers and so on), by devoting buses that will take the participants directly from the Airport until the hotels and the Casa de la Espiritualidad. The same buses will take the participants on the 3th July from Villanueva de los Infantes until the different terminals of the Madrid Airport. The total cost (going and back) is 20 euros per person.

*Daly transport from the House of Spirituality to cultural events in Villanueva de los Infantes will be free.

*Nevertheless, the sightseeing tour to Torre de Juan Abad/Montiel on the 30th June and to Lagunas de Ruidera and Cueva de Montesinos on the 2th July (including lunch) (see “Cultural Activities” below), have to be paid by participants. The two costs will be moderate but will depend on the number or people interested.



CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

All the persons registered at the IICIAE17 and his/her accompany persons will have the opportunity to participate in the cultural events prepared by the Town Hall of Villanueva de los Infantes, that in principle are:

28 June 2017, first afternoon/evening: Visit of Villanueva de los Infantes and scientific walk explaining the discovery of the “Place of la Mancha” (free).

29 June, second afternoon/evening: visit to the town of Fuenllana; the “Suspiro de Sancho”; and sunset on the village of Villanueva de los Infantes and Campo de Montiel (free).

30 June, third afternoon/evening: visit to the room where Quevedo died; sightseeing tour of the Quevedo Museum in Torre de Juan Abad and the site where the King Pedro the Cruel was murdered in Montiel. (Moderate cost to be paid by participants)

1 July, fourth evening: Theatre: “Requiem for don Quixote” in Villanueva de los Infantes (free).

2 July, At 10 a.m. closure of the IICIAE17; and at 11 a.m. departure by bus to Lagunas de Ruidera for lunch and visit to Cueva de Montesinos (quoted in the Quixote). Sightseeing tour with a moderate cost.

3 July: Departure by bus to Madrid Airport (already paid by participants).

IMPORTANT NOTES ABOUT ACCOMMODATION

1. All the participants at the IICIAE17 will receive a list of possibilities (hotels, houses, municipal dormitories...) able in Villanueva de los Infantes or nearby in order to choose according to prices and categories. Participants should make their own reservations for the six nights from 27 June until 2 July 2017. The IICIAE17 buses coming from Madrid, will leave the participants in their sites of accommodation.
2. In relation to the Casa de Espiritualidad –the site for the Systemic Colloquium- it is important to know that the stay in this House is in a regime of full board and rather Spartan accommodation and work (meals are simple; some of beds are bunk beds

with shared toilets and showers; breakfast at 7 hours; sessions start at 8 and continue until 15 hours with breaks).

3. Specifically, the House has: 19 single/double rooms with bath; 6 double rooms with a bathroom each two rooms; and 40 bunk beds divided into 10 rooms, each of one have 7 washbasin, 6 showers and 6 toilets. The House, therefore, has a maximum of 90 beds if we consider the special conditions of the 19 single/double rooms, the 6 double rooms and the 40 bunk beds, depending of the kind of room the participants choose.
4. But given the rule of the House of not distinction among economic categories or prices, the best single rooms will be assigned to the participants strictly according to the date of registration at the IICIAE17. According to the available time, the maximum number of paper givers for this Colloquium can be 48, but depending if some of the paper givers are ready to share a room with another colleague. Therefore, we will ask to all the accepted paper givers for this possibility. Other ways the number of individual rooms are $19+6+10=35$ where the last 10 are bunk beds. In any case it is recommended to register for the IICAE17 as soon as possible.

REGISTRATION

To attend the Systemic Colloquium it is necessary to register for the II Congreso Internacional America-Europa sobre los Valores del Quijote (IICIAE17). (see:www.congresoamericaeuropa.org). The registration fees are:

*For participants, with or without presenting a paper, until 31 March 2017: 190 euros, which includes the conference proceedings, two official meals and coffee breaks.

*Id id (from 1 April to 25 June 2017): 220 euros

*Reduced fees for papers no presented personally: 150 euros (which include conference proceedings)

*Reduced fees for students or unemployed not presenting a paper: 150 euros including two official meals and coffee breaks.

*One inscription has the right to present only a paper

*When several authors present a collective paper, each one the them should pay his/her registration fees.

ORGANIZATION OF THE SYSTEMIC COLLOQUIUM

All the papers that have been accepted will be discussed in a plenary session with all the participants. During the four days of the academic colloquium we will have 6 hours per day, with 30 minutes for each paper (20 mn +10 mn for discussion). Thus, we could have a maximum of 48 papers during the Colloquium. On the first day (28 June) the Registration will be from 8 hours until 12. The last day (2 July 2017) will be devoted to attend the IICIAE17 Closure and the visit of Lagunas de Ruidera y Cueva de Montesinos.

The presentations of papers will start at 8 hours and continue until 15 hours, with a break of one hour, from 11 to 12 for coffee and rest. Lunch will be served from 15 to 16 hours.

All the afternoons will be free until dinner at 20,30 hours

Every evening, at 21,30 h. a bus will take the participants to Villanueva de los Infantes for the cultural events. The bus will return to the House exactly at 23 hours.

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