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CALL FOR PAPERS

The Sociedad Española de Estudios del Siglo XVIII (SEES XVIII) and the conference organising committee are pleased to announce the Society's sixth international conference, to be held at the Faculty of Geography and History, Universidad Complutense de Madrid, on the 24th, 25th, and 26th of October, 2016.

SEESXVIII has decided to make analysis of "the question of the Americas" the central focus of the upcoming edition of the Society's general conference, which is held once every four years.

The conference will focus us on all aspects of the relationship between the Americas and peninsular Spain, whether economic or cultural, religious or ethnographic, military or administrative, social or technical, linguistic or political, judicial or artistic. The conference will also take in the construction of imaginaries and of identities, as well as the processes leading to political independence. We are particularly keen to chart the idea of the Americas that circulated in eighteenth-century Spain, as well as the idea of Spain that obtained in the Americas in the period; and to understand the many ways in which the "metropolis" was perceived.

We also invite papers on those social, ideological, cultural, and structural processes which led to the independence of most of Spain's New World colonies.

The Society hopes to bring together a diverse group of scholars and researchers active across all academic fields and disciplines whose work reveals the tensions felt as the "question of the Americas" reverberated in eighteenth-century societies. Accordingly, we invite papers treating any area of human experience as it relates to Spain and the Americas, which naturally takes in the study of the relationship between Spain and North America.

REGISTRATION

The conference is open to papers read by members of SESSXVIII who are not in arrears with regard to membership fees. For members in good standing of the society, there is no conference fee.

Non-members who wish to take part have two options. They may join the society and pay the annual membership fee (for which membership and payment forms will be found on the Society's website, www.siglo18.org), or register as conference participants and pay a €70 conference fee by bank transfer to ES96 2100 2858 1302 1009 2821. Under "reference information" or "purpose of remittance," please list "Inscripción en el VI Congreso de la SEESXVIII."

Reading time for complete panel papers should not exceed twenty minutes and papers are expected to focus on a topic related to the conference's theme.

Abstracts should be sent by email to cong.seesxviii@gmail.com and are due by 15 March 2016. Please use "CONGRESO DE LA SEESXVIII" or "SEESXVIII CONFERENCE" in the subject line.

If you would like to submit an abstract, please include the following data:

- Your full name
- Your institutional affiliation
- Your postal address, telephone number and email address
- The title of your paper
- The abstract proper

Prospective speakers will be notified of a decision by April 2016.

The Society will, in due time, provide participants with a style sheet to facilitate inclusion of papers in the published conference proceedings.

PLENARY SPEAKERS

- *Armando Alberola*: "Construyendo y gestionando el saber a ambos lados del Atlántico: expediciones científicas españolas al continente americano durante el siglo XVIII" [Building and Managing Knowledge on Both Sides of the Atlantic: Spanish Scientific Expeditions in the 18th Century].

- *Felipe Fernández-Armesto*: "El siglo XVIII en la historia hispánica de los EE.UU." [The 18th Century in the U.S.'s Hispanic History].

- *Enrique Martínez Ruiz*: "Aspectos orgánicos de la transición del ejército real a los ejércitos republicanos en Hispanoamérica" [Organic Aspects of the Transition from the Royal Army to Republican Armies in Spanish America].

- *José M^a Portillo Valdés*: "América en la transfiguración imperial de la monarquía católica en el siglo XVIII" [The Americas and the Imperial Transfiguration of Catholic Monarchy in the 18th Century]

- *Carlos Sambricio*: "Nuevo orden urbano y América Hispana en los momentos previos a las independencias" [The New Urban Order and Spanish America in the Years Leading to Independence].

- *Isabel Terán Elizondo*: "La literatura novohispana en el siglo XVIII. Un panorama general" [Novohispanic Literature in the 18th Century: A General View].

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