

It is no wonder that Dewey's ideas and actions appeal to us in a moment when the duty to think and the task to educate are more threatened than ever. John Dewey was an intellectual who overcame barriers among disciplines and who assumed, unlike many other humanists, the challenges of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century.

Although he inherited values of the European tradition, his unique perspective had its roots in an all-American substratum. Dewey experienced diverse political and social situations between 1859 and 1952, not only in the United States, but all around the world. Since then, world-historical events and new forms of global life demand a full reconsideration of his outstanding legacy.

*Rethinking Democracy* gets together, for the first time, a group of renowned Spanish scholars on Dewey, with the purpose of reexamining the current relevance of his ideas on democracy, ethics, techno-science, education, and religion. The event has also international guests from the United States, México, and Italy.

This symposium is the first activity supported by CEDE (*Centro de Estudios Dewey en España*) a new space for research and debate that will be inaugurated in Alcalá de Henarés University thanks to the support of *Dewey Center* at Illinois, *Franklin Institute*, and the collaboration of a committee of experts from Spanish Universities.

*Centro de Estudios Dewey en España* will make available for graduate and post-graduate students and scholars from diverse fields Dewey's complete works and correspondence, as well as resources on secondary bibliography, both in Spanish and English.

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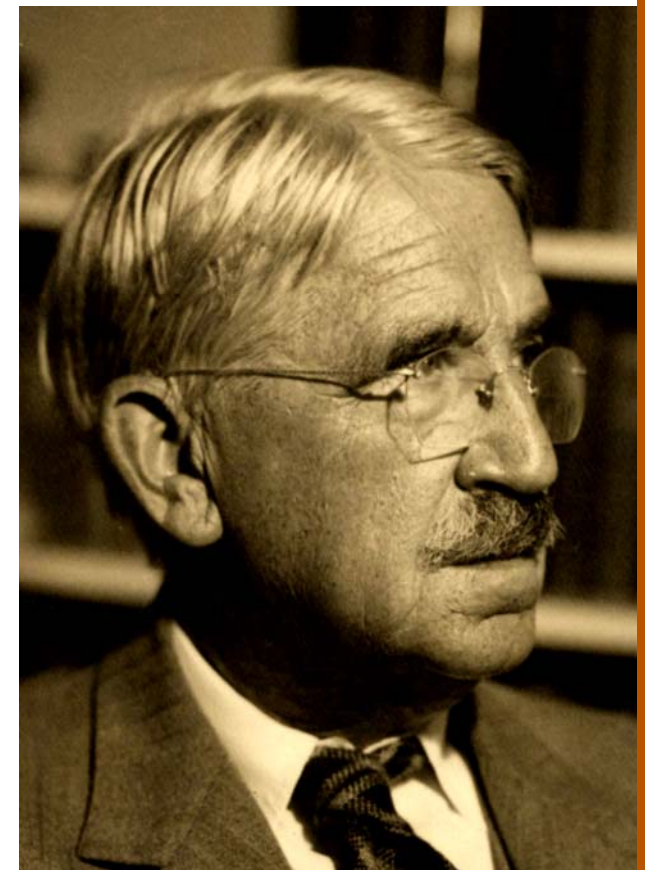
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18-20 October 2012 Universidad de Alcalá  
Calle Colegios 2 Alcalá de Henares Madrid

**OCTOBER 18**

10:00 – 10:30

**OPENING CEREMONY***Centro de Estudios Dewey en España*

Serafín Vegas (Franklin Institute)  
 Jacinto Rivera de Rosales (UNED)  
 Julio Seoane (Franklin Institute)  
 Ramón del Castillo (UNED)

10:45 Coffee break

11:00 – 12:30

**OPENING LECTURE**

Larry Hickman  
 (Dewey Center at Southern Illinois  
 University Carbondale)  
*Lost Souls and Zombies:  
 Why We Have Never Been Modern*

**SYMPOSIUM**

12:30 – 13:30

Nalliely Hernández (Conacyt-México/UNED)  
*Los expertos en la vida pública:  
 ¿Elites independientes o  
 investigación socializada?*

13:30 Lunch

16:30 – 17:30

Brendan Hogan (New York University)  
*Criticism, Social Science and Democracy*

17:30 – 18:30

José Miguel Esteban Cloquell  
 (Universidad Quintana Roo, México)  
*Democracia participativa en tiempos  
 de crisis ecológica y social*  
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**OCTOBER 19**

9:30 – 11:30

Miguel Catalán (Univ. Cardenal Herrera-CEU)  
*La verdad en tiempos de guerra. Una ilustración del  
 consecuencialismo de John Dewey*

Ángel Rivero (Universidad Autónoma de Madrid)  
*El sentido de la comunidad en  
 la construcción política pragmatista*

11:30 Coffee Break

11:45 – 13:45

Ángel Manuel Faerna  
 (Universidad de Castilla-La Mancha, Toledo)  
*Asertabilidad garantizada:  
 una mirada retrospectiva*

Carlos Mougán (Universidad de Cádiz)  
*La deliberación en John Dewey*

13:45 Lunch

14:30 – 16:30

Stefano Oliverio (Universita Federico II, Napoli)  
*Democratic Community vs Bund: Dewey, German  
 Sociology, and the Americanization of the Soul*

Bianca Thoilliez  
 (Universidad Autónoma de Madrid)  
*Dewey on the Community Involvement Experience*

16:30 Coffee break

16:45 – 18:45

Miguel Ángel Pasillas (UNAM, México)  
*Las responsabilidades del maestro frente a la concepción  
 deweyana de la educación como  
 reconstrucción continua de la experiencia*

Maura Striano (Universita Federico II, Napoli)  
*Dewey's View of Philosophy as  
 An Educational Device*

**OCTOBER 20**

9:30 – 11:30

Marta Vaamonde y Jaime Nubiola  
 (Universidad de Navarra)  
*Aportaciones de John Dewey  
 al debate feminista contemporáneo*

Rosa Calcaterra (Universita de Roma3)  
*The Individuals and the Polis:  
 Democracy as a Way of Life*

11:30 Coffee Break

11:45 – 13:45

Antonio Lastra (Univ. de Valencia)  
*Filosofía, democracia y pueblo joven:  
 Dewey y Ortega y Gasset*

Julio Seoane (Universidad de Alcalá)  
*Perfeccionismo, pragmatismo y educación*

13:45 Lunch

14:30 – 17:30

Alicia García Fernández (Universidad de Alcalá)  
*Los mecanismos de valoración-validación de la  
 experiencia en las comunidades democráticas de  
 conocimiento*

Gonzalo Jover Olmeda (Universidad Complutense)  
*La despragmatización pedagógica de John Dewey*

M<sup>a</sup> del Mar del Pozo (Universidad de Alcalá)  
*Recepción e influencia de Dewey  
 en la educación española*

17:30 Coffee Break

17:45 – 19:45

Carlos Thiebaut (Universidad Carlos III, Madrid)  
*Naturalistic Sublime*

Ramón del Castillo (UNED, Madrid)  
*Civilization and Discontent. Dewey and Freud*