

**International Workshop:  
CONCEPTUAL ISSUES ON 'LIFE, MIND AND  
SOCIETY' IN DIALOGUE WITH ALVARO MORENO**

University of the Basque Country: 19th-20th November 2018

**Location:** Faculty of Education, Philosophy and Anthropology (Salón de Grados)  
[Ibaeta Campus, Donostia-San Sebastián, Basque Country, Spain]

## Program

### Monday, 19th Nov.

Chairperson: *Arantza Etxeberria*

- 9:30 – 9:40** Welcome and some preliminary words
- 9:40 – 10:00** Alvaro Moreno: Licenciado y Doctor en Filosofía  
*Javier Echeverría* (Ikerbasque)
- 10:00 – 10:45** Scaffolding environments and the development of system closure  
*James Griesemer* (University of California, Davis)
- 10:45 – 11:00** Discussion
- 11:00 – 11:30** Coffee break
- 11:30 – 12:15** Dimensionality reduction: a lens on ontology?  
*Alicia Juarro* (University of Miami, Florida)
- 12:15 – 12:30** Discussion
- 12:45 – 14:45** Lunch break (at Lukas, close to campus)

Chairperson: *Jon Umerez*

- 14:45 – 15:30** From experimental carcinogenesis to a theory of organisms, and back again  
*Ana Soto* (University of Tufts, Boston)
- 15:30 – 15:45** Discussion
- 15:45 – 16:30** Rethinking Mechanisms: Constraints and Control, Hierarchy and Heterarchy  
*William Bechtel* (University of California, San Diego)
- 16:30 – 16:45** Discussion
- 16:45 – 17:15** Coffee break
- 17:15 – 18:00** Why should we bother about the question of Life?  
*Alvaro Moreno* (UPV/EHU)
- 18:00 – 18:15** Discussion
- 18:15 – 18:32** How would you tell 'what is life?' to a kid? *Julio Fernández*
  
- 20:30** Dinner (at *Kaskazuri Restaurant -- Donostia 'down town'*)

## Tuesday, 20th Nov.

Chairperson: *Kepa Ruiz-Mirazo*

9:00 – 9:10 Introduction (& reading of a short text, by *Andrés Moya*)

### FRIENDS & COLLEAGUES

9:10 – 9:20 *Juli Peretó* (Universidad de València)

9:20 – 9:30 *Paco Montero* (Universidad Complutense de Madrid)

9:30 – 9:40 *Carlos Sonnenschein* (University of Tufts, Boston)

9:40 – 9:50 *Mike Karlsson* (Univ. of Iceland & Univ. of the Faroe Islands)

9:50 – 10:00 *Charbel El-Hani* (Federal University of Bahía, Brazil)

10:00 – 10:10 *Félix Goñi* (UPV-EHU)

10:10 – 10:20 *Manu Barandiarán* (UPV-EHU)

### FORMER 'IAS-Group' MEMBERS

10:20 – 10:30 *María José Encinas* (Universidad de Granada)

10:30 – 10:40 *Agustín Vicente* (Ikerbasque)

10:40 – 10:50 *Cristian Saborido* (UNED, Madrid)

10:50 – 11:00 *Matteo Mossio* (University Paris-1, CNRS)

11:00 – 11:30 Coffee break

### CURRENT 'IAS-Group' MEMBERS

11:30 – 11:40 *Arantza Etxeberria* (Senior researcher, UPV/EHU)

11:40 – 11:50 *Guglielmo Militello* (Predoc, UPV/EHU)

11:50 – 12:00 *Bárbara Jiménez* (Postdoc, UPV/EHU)

12:00 – 12:10 *Argyris Arnellos* (*Ramón y Cajal* researcher, UPV/EHU)

12:10 – 12:20 *Leonardo Bich* (*Ramón y Cajal* researcher, UPV/EHU)

12:20 – 12:30 *Jon Umerez* (Senior researcher, UPV/EHU)

12:30 – 12:40 *Kepa Ruiz-Mirazo* (Senior researcher, UPV/EHU)

12:40 – 12:50 *Xabier Barandiaran* (Senior researcher, UPV/EHU)

12:50 – 13:00 *Ezequiel Di Paolo* (Senior researcher, Ikerbasque)

13:30 -- 16:00 Lunch & Farewell ('Pintxos' & coffee – at the Santamaría Centre)