Metaphorum 2023

Day 1: Thursday 8th June

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09.00 – 09.30	**Conference registration**		
09.30 – 09.40	**Conference welcoming address**		
09.40 – 10.30	Angela Espinosa: **Viability through emancipation – learning from VSM practice**.		
10.30 – 11.10	Robin Asby: **Designing Democracy: a systemic blueprint for governing**.	10.30 – 11.10	Russell Clemens: **Situating the Viable Systems Model within a Critical Futures Studies review of Indian elephant-human conflict**.
11.10 – 11.30	**Coffee break**		
11.30 – 12.10	John Hicks: **Digital accessibility: a key to emancipation and viability for those who need it most, and everyone else too**.	11.30 – 12.00	Camilo Osejo: **Cybernetics and the emergence of cultural politics: a study of the Colombian uprisings of 2021**.
		12.00 – 12.30	Luis Armando Vásquez-Ruiz, Juan Enrique Núñez Ríos & Pedro Pablo Cardoso Castro: **Exploring the Viable System Model as an alternative to foster sustainable change**.
12.10 – 12.50	Trevor Hilder: **Why VSM/MMF is the "organisational physics" of Sociocracy**.	12.30 – 13.00	J. O'Donnell, D. Desmond & M. MacLachlan: **Getting giraffes and ostriches to meet in the middle: designing viable safe virtual disability spaces to satisfy future demand**.
13.00 – 14.00	**LUNCH**		
14.00 – 14.40	Peter Tuddenham: **ChatGPT and cybernetics: implications for today's world** (workshop).	14.00 – 14.30	James Fox: **Dis/agreement in participatory organisations: low theory and democratic governance in cybernetics**.
14.40 – 15.20	Stephen Davies: **Accessing the zone of emergence**.	14.40 – 15.20	David Cooper: **Accelerated community learning** (workshop).
15.20 – 15.40	**Coffee break**		
15.40 – 16.20	Martin Pfiffner, Mark Lambertz & Stephen Davies: **Current VSM application in the transformation of one of the world's largest automotive suppliers into a new era of mobility** (workshop).	15.40 – 16.20	Allenna Leonard & Ian Kendrick: **Playing a VSM game** (workshop).
16.20 – 16.50	**Plenary panel**		

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17.00 ...	**Later in the bar …** (The Fountain House, 14 Albert Square, Manchester, M2 5PF)

Day 2: Friday 9th June

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09.00 – 09.50 Wolfgang Lassl: **Landmark '50 years VSM' – invitation to an emancipation journey**.	
09.50 – 10.30 Ayham Fattoum: **Configuring systems to be viable in a crisis: the role of intuitive decision-making**.	09.50 – 10.30 Kelsie Nabben: **Aligning 'Decentralized Autonomous Organization' to Precedents in Cybernetics** (workshop).
10.30 – 10.50 **Coffee break**	
10.50 – 11.30 Ivo Velitchkov. **Viability of personal knowledge systems.**	10.50 – 11.20 Alison Gurthrie-Wrenn: **Leading to learn – learning from leading a systemic intervention in central government, a new practitioner's perspective**.
11.30 -12.10 Peter Kawalek: **Designing data freedom: Stafford Beer's work applied to civil rights and criminal justice.**	11.30 – 12.00 Cintia Faria: **Challenges with emancipation within integrated care systems.**
12.10 – 12.50 Jose Carlos Mariategui: **Uncovering Stafford Beer's influence in Latin America: a focus on Peru**.	12.10 – 12.40 Michael Ward: **From reductionism to systems thinking: a complementary approach to emancipatory change.**
12.50 – 13.30 **LUNCH**	
13.50 – 14.30 Czeslaw Mesjasz: **Complex systems management and the traps of sustainability and corporate sustainability as polysemic notions.**	13.50 – 14.20 Julie Mackie: **Viability and sustainable approach in action: learning from a work-based project to kick-start the design of an anchor institution strategic framework for an NHS trust operating as part of a new anchor network**.
14.30 – 15.10 Benjamin Taylor: **The Viable System Model and Human System Dynamics through the lens of Barry Oshry's Organic Systems Model**.	14.30 – 15.10 Krishna Balthu: **Emancipating the emancipator: refining agency in action research through a holonic modelling**.
15.10 – 15.20 **Coffee break**	
15.20 – 16.00 E.B. Bassam & Jose Carlos Mariategui: **Introduction and screening of 'Cybersyn 1973/2023'.**	
16.10 – 16.45 **Plenary panel**	

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Day 3: Saturday 10th June

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09.00 – 09.45	Marc Pearson & Kerry Turner: **Campfires and cave drawings.**
09.45 – 10.30	Juliana Alves, Jon Walker, Peter Tuddehman, John Waters, Pedro Pablo Cardoso & Angela Espinosa: **Viability and sustainable water management.**
10.30 – 10.50	**Coffee break**
10.50 – 11.35	Martin Pffifner, Angus Jenkinson, Jose Perez Rios, Steve Brewis, Jon Walker & Angela Espinosa: **VSM application insights and questions from our VSM application research group** (Metaphorum and CybSoc members).
11.35 – 12.20	John Waters: **Applying some cybernetic concepts to planetary viability – a skeleton on which to build.**
12.20 – 13.00	Gary Alexander: **A new common sense or VSM for all.**
13.00 – 14.00	**LUNCH**
14.00 – 15.00	**Open space: Walk about and find your tribe – learning from the conference.**
15.00 – 16.00	**Metaphorum reinvented & conference closure.**

16.00 – 16.30	**Metaphorum Annual General Meeting.**