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# COVID-19 beyond Borders: Rethinking Medical Humanities at the Frontlines

Interdisciplinary online lecture series (1-29 June 2021) & interdisciplinary online conference (6-7 July 2021)

University of Vienna

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Online Lecture 5: 29 June 2021 4:30 pm CEST

**Sofia Varino (University of Potsdam)**

"A Viral Ecology: Tracing Planetary Temporalities of Care Across a Pandemic Anthropocene"

**Eva Horn (University of Vienna)**

"Tipping Points: Covid-19 and the Anthropocene"

Conference Panel 1: 6 July 2021 1:00 pm CEST

1:00 pm Opening remarks

2:00 pm

**Monika Ankele (Medical University Vienna) / Céline Kaiser (University of Applied Sciences and Arts Ottersberg)**

"Transparent boundaries. Material and performative aspects of dynamic boundary control in the context of the COVID19 pandemic"

**Kathleen Rice (McGill University)**

"*And nobody would hold him*": The Implications of COVID-related Barriers to Touching Newborns for Identity, Personhood and Subject Formation"

Key-note Lecture: 6 July 2021 4:00 pm CEST

**Kirsten Ostherr (Rice University / University of Texas School of Public Health)**

"The Future of Translational Medical Humanities: Lessons from the COVID-19 Pandemic"

Kirsten Ostherr is Director of Medical Humanities at Rice University, Director of Medical Futures Lab at Rice University and Adjunct Professor at the University of Texas School of Public Health.

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6:00 - 8:00 pm Socialising (online)

Conference Panel 2: 7 July 2021 2:00 pm CEST

**Lise Saffran (University of Missouri)**

"Mapping—and crossing—the boundaries between Medical Humanities and Public Health Humanities"

**Elena Denisova-Schmidt (University of St. Gallen HSG / Boston College)**

"The Effects of Media Depictions of the COVID-19 Response across Borders"

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4:00 pm Forum: Impulse Papers

5:45 pm Joint Podium Discussion

The online lecture series and online conference are held in cooperation with the Center for Medical Humanities, University of Zurich. The individual lectures will be conducted via Zoom, and attendance will be free of charge.

**To register for the Zoom meetings, please fill in the online form provided here.**

### Online Lecture 1: 1 June 2021 4:30 pm CEST

**Monika Class (Johannes-Gutenberg-Universität Mainz)**

"In the shadows of human health?: The relevance of the 'one health' approach for the medical humanities in light of the Covid-19 pandemic"

**Kerstin Weich (Messerli Research Institute, University of Veterinary Medicine Vienna)**

"From Spillover to Multispecies Medicine"

### Online Lecture 2: 8 June 2021 4:30 pm CEST

**Farah Yamini / Raymond K. Awadzi / John "Jack" Vertovec (Florida International University)**

"Lenses of Compassion: Exploring the COVID-19 Pandemic Through Participatory Photographs Across Borders"

**Cindy Smalletz / Joseph H. Eveld (Columbia University)**

"Narrative Medicine Without Borders"

**Anne Hudson Jones (University of Texas Medical Branch UTMB)**

"Bryan Doerries' Theater of War at the Frontlines during COVID-19: How Greek Tragedies Can Help"

### Online Lecture 3: 15 June 2021 4:30 pm CEST

**Julia Pröll (University of Innsbruck)**

"Challenging the Re-Nationalization of Memories forced by the COVID-19 pandemic?: Dynamics of Transnational Memory in the Francophone Lockdown Diaries of Nancy Huston, Leila Slimani and Wajdi Mouawad"

**Benjamin Dalton (Paris Nanterre University / New Sorbonne University Paris)**

"Hospitals Beyond Borders: Opening Up Clinical Architectures in Maylis de Kerangal's *Réparer les vivants* (2013), Katell Quillévéré's *Réparer les vivants* (2016), and Contemporary French Philosophies of Medicine"

### Online Lecture 4: 22 June 2021 4:30 pm CEST

**Brie Winnega (University of Texas at Austin)**

"I've seen so many deaths': COVID-19 Nursing Testimony as Literary Caretaking"

**Julia Hoydis (Karl-Franzens-Universität Graz)**

"Narrating the COVID-19 Risk Society"