Pandemic Perspectives 2021: Conference Agenda

# 20th April

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| 10:00 to 10:15 | Welcome Address |
| 10:15 to 11:00 | Keynote 1:  Reimagining Democracy: An Interactive Presentation  Prof Kalypso Nicolaidis – University of Oxford |
| 11:00 to 12:00 | **Session 1: Inequalities (Chair: Hanan Fara)**  Responding to the Covid-19 Crisis: Towards Greater Inclusion and Representation in Literature? Amélie Doche – Birmingham City University  Pandemic, Dystopian Fiction, and Increasing Vulnerabilities and Inequalities: A Reading of Samit Basu’s *Chosen Spirits* Anindita Shome – University of Hyderabad  COVID-19 & Women’s Health – New Pandemic, Old Problems Dr Michael Rimmer – University of Edinburgh |
| 12:00 to 12:15 | Break |
| 12:15 to 13:15 | **Session 2: Covid-19 and Culture (Chair: Richard Kendall)**  Plague Fiction: Reading About Pandemics During COVID-19 Amanda Grimsbo Roswall – University of Copenhagen  Pandemic History and the Medicine of Laughter in the BBC’s *Upstart Crow: Lockdown Christmas 1603* William David Green – University of Birmingham  Oedipus in the Times of COVID Charlotte 'Lottie' Parkyn – University of Notre Dame |
| 13:15 to 13:45 | Lunch Break |
| 13:45 to 14:45 | **Session 3: State Politics (Chair: Ronan Love)**  Political Ecology & Pandemic Futurity Rob Booth – University of Birmingham  The Unsettled Church and State: The Case Shincheonji and COVID-19 in South Korea Mary Briggs – University of Edinburgh  Socially Transformative Experiences: The Case of the COVID-19 Pandemic Gah-Kai Leung – University of Warwick |
| 14:45 to 15:00 | Break |
| 15:00 to 16:00 | **Session 4: Space and (Dis)Placement (Chair: Niall Gallen)**  Digitally Archiving Pandemic Design on Design in Quarantine Anna Talley and Fleur Elkerton – Design in Quarantine  The Office is Dead! Long Live the Office!: The Coronavirus Pandemic and the Future of Office Spaces Petra Seitz – University College London  The Impact of Remote Teaching on Student Confidence and Results Cressida Ryan – University of Oxford |
| 16:00 to 16:15 | Break |
| 16:15 to 17:15 | **Session 5: Language of Covid-19 (Chair: Sadegh Attari)**  Covid-19 and Its Metaphors Michael Meznar – University of Toronto  Pandemic under the Magnifying Glass: An Assessment of COVID-19-Related Media Articles from an Economic Perspective Using State-of-the-art Natural Language Processing Techniques Dr Guang Lu, Dr Martin Businger, Dr Matthes Fleck – Lucerne University of Applied Sciences and Arts  Superlatives around the Hearth: The Government’s Rhetoric on Household Mixing during the Covid-19 Pandemic Victoria Beatrix Fendel – University of Oxford |
| 17:15 to 18:15 | Keynote 2:  Translational Futures  Dr Marta Arnaldi – University of Oxford |
| 18:15 | Closing Remarks |