

NEW PATHWAYS IN ANGLOPHONE LITERARY AND CULTURAL STUDIES IN PANDEMIC TIMES

Conference Schedule

Friday November 20

[14.00 KEYNOTE LECTURE](#)

DON SPARLING (Masaryk University)

"Something we can't see is causing us to die" Books: Pandemics and Canadian Literature

[15.30-17.00](#)

[Session I:](#)

[North America in Pandemic Times](#)

JAN ČAPEK (Masaryk University)

A Self-Inflicted Wound: Isolation in *The Lighthouse* (2019)

IVANA PLEVÍKOVÁ (Masaryk University)

Reflections of Margaret Atwood's Dystopias in the Pandemic of 2020

ALEŠ VRBATA (State University of Feira de Santana, Bahia, Brazil)

Quebec and its Cultural Complex: Closer Look at Quebecois Psyche from Jungian Perspective

MARTIN ONDRYÁŠ (Masaryk University)

The Price of Progress: Selected Contemporary Issues of Indigenous Peoples in Canada

Saturday November 21

10:00 KEYNOTE LECTURE

MATHIAS CLASEN (Aarhus University, Denmark)

Simulating the Apocalypse: On the Adaptive Functions of Scary Stories

11.30-12.00

Coffee Break

12.00-13.30

Session II: Epidemic in Society and the Individual

TAGRID MORAD (Masaryk University)

The Relevance of Margaret Mead's Concepts in Health and Illness to the Era of COVID-19

ARUNDHATI BISWAS (University of Burdwan, India)

India: Diaspora and Cultural Displacement in the Face of Pandemic

TEREZA ŠMILAUEROVÁ (Masaryk University)

"I'd Like to Just Ask the Chinese for a Formal Apology": The Situation of Asian Americans in the Midst of COVID-19 Pandemic

FELIX PURAT (Palacký University Olomouc)

Science Fiction as Regional Literature: A Different Perspective on Philip K. Dick and Other Sci-Fi Writers

13.30-14.00

Coffee break (Break-out rooms)

14.00 KEYNOTE LECTURE

SAGAR DEVA (University of Leeds, UK)

Why did the UK and US fail to control Covid? Exceptionalism, Populism, and Incompetence in the Anglosphere

16.00-17.30

Session III: Social Breakdowns and Suffering in the Anthropocene

TEREZA WALSBERGEROVÁ (Masaryk University)

Taken Bad: Conspiracism and/as Sickness in Diane Johnson's *The Shadow Knows*

PARIN SOMANI (Independent Researcher)

Representation of COVID-19 in Anglophone Literature and Cultural Values in Institutions: Learning from the Past and Looking to the Future

SARAH ROSE OLSON (Western Washington University, USA)

Interspecies Pedagogies for Educating in the Anthropocene

DENISA KRÁSNÁ (Masaryk University)

Sick Land, Sick Animals, Sick People, Sick Planet: Intersectional Analysis of Distance as the Foundation of Exploitative Capitalism