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Online Conference

PROGRAM

Fulbright Bulgaria Online Conference
November 20-21, 2020

16:00 – 16:15 Official Opening
Greeting Addresses:
HE Herro Mustafa, US Ambassador to the Republic of Bulgaria
Scott Righetti, Academic Exchange Specialist, U.S.
Department of State
Angela Rodel, Executive Director, Bulgarian Fulbright
Commission

16:15 – 16:45 **Im/Possible Minds: New Approaches to Reading**
Assoc. Prof. Dr. Alexandra Glavanakova, Sofia University

16:45 – 16:55 Questions and Answers

Panel 1: Institutional Dimensions of Digitalization

16:55 – 17:10 **Artificial Intelligence: Law, Society & Ethics**
Prof. Dr. Larry Di Matteo, University of Florida

17:10 – 17:25 **Browsing National Parliaments in a Pandemic Situation**
Prof. Dr. Petya Osenova, Sofia University

17:25 – 17:40 **Digitalization Effects in Bulgarian Business Practices**
Prof. Dr. Mariya Bobina, Western Illinois University

17:40 – 17:55 **Losing Touch... Gaining Focus in Virtual Education**
Prue Salasky, Geo Milev English Language High School, Burgas

17:55 – 18:10 Questions and Answers

18:10 – 18:20 Music performance
John Thomas

Panel 2: Communication and Community in the Digital Environment

18:20 – 18:35 **Myth Busting Inquiry-Based Online Learning**
Prof. Dr. James Hollenbeck, Indiana University Southeast

18:35 – 18:50 **Presenting Online: How to Engage Listeners When You're Not
in the Room**
Jesse Scinto, Columbia University

18:50 – 19:05 **Communications, Communal Living, and the Real Path to
Utopia**
Dr. Jeffrey Folks, former Doshisha University, Japan

19:05 – 19:20 **Virtual 'In' Sanity: COVID-19 and the Math behind Human
Existence and Communication**
Andrew Kim, Freelance Tutor

19:20 – 19:35 **Communications in the Recovery Community**
Anonymous

19:35 – 19:55 Questions and Answers

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Panel 3: Teaching and Knowledge Acquisition in the Digital Age

16:05 – 16:20 **Effectiveness of Online Teaching in the Conditions of a Pandemic**
Assoc. Prof. Dr. Tamara Todorova, American University in Bulgaria

16:20 – 16:35 **Digital Humanities Approaches to Teaching Literature Online**
Prof. Dr. Reneta Bozhankova, Sofia University

16:35 – 16:50 **Stabilizing Underperforming Undergraduates in the Digital Classroom**
Prof. Ginny Whitehouse, Eastern Kentucky University

16:50 – 17:15 Questions and Answers

17:15 – 17:25 Break

17:25 – 17:30 Music performance
Lilly Drumeva

17:30 – 18:00 **Presence and Absence during a Half-century of Bulgarian Music Study**
Prof. Dr. Timothy Rice, University of California in Los Angeles

18:00 – 18:20 Questions and Answers

Panel 4: The New Normal: Digital Presence in the Arts, STEM and Philosophy

18:20 – 18:35 ***Tentative* Audiences and Art Digitally - Opportunities and Challenges**
Milena Berbenkova, Intercultura Consult

18:35 – 18:50 **Storytelling: From Live to Zoom in the Blink of an Eye**
Priscilla Howe, Storyteller

18:50 – 19:05 **Dissecting the World in Four Blogs**
Georgi Iliev, Strategic Projects & Innovation Director

19:05 – 19:20 **How COVID Pandemic Accelerates the Modern Technology of Research and Education**
Prof. Dr. Michail Todorov, Technical University of Sofia

19:20 – 19:35 **Digital Presence – A Philosopher's Perspective**
Prof. Dr. Tamara Albertini, University of Hawaii at Manoa

19:35 – 19:55 Questions and Answers

19:55 – 20:00 Conference Closing



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