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**RETHINKING HUMANITIES FOR
A POST-PANDEMIC WORLD**

تصويب العلوم الإنسانية في العالم
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The COVID-19 pandemic has uncovered weaknesses yet inspired innovation. Humanists and scientists should work together to solve the complex health, ecological and urban challenges that we face now and in the future.

Dr. Darina Saliba Abi Chedid
Director of the International Center for
Human Sciences (CISH) – UNESCO, Byblos

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DAY 1 | Thursday November 25, 2021

7:30 – 9:00

Arrival of participants and Registration

Welcome Drink

9:00 – 9:30

Opening Ceremony



■ **Word of Dr. Darina Saliba Abi Chedid**

Director of the International Center for Human Sciences (CISH) – UNESCO, Byblos



■ **Word of Dr. Luiz Oosterbeek**

President of the International Council for Philosophy and Human Sciences



■ **Word of Mr. kristof Duwaerts**

Resident Representative at Hanns Seidel Foundation



■ **Word of H. E. Judge Mohammad Wissam Al Mortada**

Minister of Culture, Chairman of the CISH Board of Directors



KEYNOTE

Ms. Gabriela Ramos

Assistant Director-General for the Social and Human Sciences of UNESCO

9:30 – 11: 30

SESSION 1 | Rethinking the Place of Humanities in a digital Post - Pandemic World

- Calling on History and Humanities in the midst of a Post-Pandemic World



■ **Dr. Hsiung Ping-Chen**

Secretary-General of the International Council for Philosophy and Humanities – China

- Humanities in the Age of Digital Information Exchange



■ **H.E. Adama Samassékou**

Special Advisor to the President of the Republic of Mali, in charge of the Humanities – Mali

- Digital Anthropologists Releasing Deeper Insights of Modern Humanity and its Social and Cultural Consequences



■ **Mr. Juan Carmach**

Consultant managing from HQ the project on Digital Anthropology – Chile

- Digital Humanities: A Paradigm for a Post-Pandemic World



■ **Dr. Laila C. Ahmad Helmi**

Head of English Department at Beirut Arab University - Lebanon



Chair

Prof. Fadi Daou

Global Expert in Cultural & Religious Engagement for Peace & Sustainable Living – Switzerland/Lebanon

11:30 – 12: 00 **Coffee Break**

12:00 – 14:00 **SESSION 2 | Rethinking Democracy,
Economy and Innovation in a Pandemic Age**

- **Liberal Education along the SDGs**



- **Dr. Cathia Jenainati**
*Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences at the
Lebanese American University - Lebanon*

- **Rethinking Global Citizenship in a Post-Pandemic World**



- **Dr. Simon Abdel-Massih**
*Professor of History and Education at the Lebanese
University - Lebanon*

- **Safeguarding Human Rights in a Pandemic**



- **Prof. Mohamed Amine Al-Midani**
*President of the Arab Center for International Humanitarian
Law and Human Right Educations - Strasbourg, France*

- **The effect of COVID-19 on European Union Democracy**



- **Dr. Hala Attieh**
*Lecturer in Political Sciences at SciencesPo
Nancy – France*



- **Reorienting Digital Economy and Innovation**



- **Me. Reem Muhaisen**

Owner and Director General of Alsalam Societal Development Company. Founder and CEO of "Forsa wa Tahadi" - Jordan



- **Chair**

- **Dr. Liliane Azzi**

Lawyer and University Lecturer

14:00 – 15:00

Lunch Break

15:00 – 17:00

**SESSION 3 | Open Sciences and Education:
Creative Responsiveness and Ethical Challenges**

- Rethinking learning and online teaching post COVID-19



■ **Dr. Scarlet Sarraf**
Lebanese University - Lebanon

- Rethinking cultural transformation and equitable human wellbeing within a healthy biosphere



■ **Dr. Carlos Alvarez Pereira**
Club of Rome - Spain

- Creative Industries in the Face of COVID-19: Ethics in Artificial Intelligence



■ **Dr. Irakli Khodeli**
Program Specialist at UNESCO - France

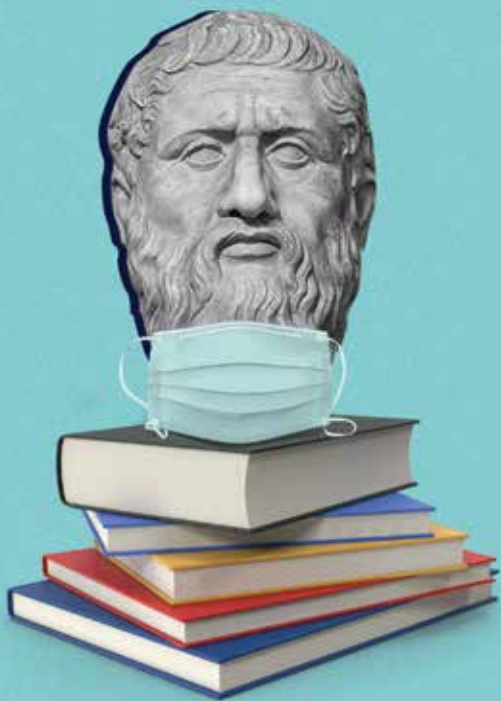
- Health Humanities



■ **Dr. Diala El Khoury**
Dean of the Faculty of Public Health, La Sagesse University - Lebanon



Chair
Dr. Tania Tannous
University Lecturer and Psychotherapist - Lebanon





DAY 2 | Friday November 26, 2021

7:30 – 8:30

Arrival of participants and Registration
Welcome Drink

8:30 – 9:00

Opening Session



■ **Word of Dr. Darina Saliba Abi Chedid**

*Director of the International Center for Human
Sciences (CISH) – UNESCO, Byblos*



KEYNOTE

Dr. John Crowley

Chairman & CEO of PHGD Group

9:00 – 11:00

**SESSION 4 | Rethinking Philosophy in the
Midst of the Pandemic**

- **Rethinking Sociology in its connectivity with moral philosophy
for a Post-Pandemic World**



■ **Dr. Sari Hanafi**

*Chair of the Islamic Studies Program at the American
University of Beirut (AUB) - Lebanon*

- **Breathing in Behalf of Humanity**



- **Dr. Nadim Mohsen**

- Lecturer of Cultural Studies and Philosophy at the Lebanese American University (LAU) - Lebanon*

- **The Importance of Philosophical Thinking in Helping us Cope with the World Challenges**



- **Dr. Mohammad Nour Eddine Affaya**

- Moroccan Scholar and thinker – Morocco*

- **Intercultural Philosophy**



- **Dr. Bahaa Darwish**

- Professor of Philosophy, Faculty of Arts, Minia University - Egypt*



- **Chair**

- Ms. Maria Carine Kallasy**

- Researcher*

11:00 – 11:30

Coffee Break



11:30 – 13:30 **SESSION 5 | Rethinking Literacy and Linguistics in a Post-Pandemic World**

- Linguistic Health: Language Studies in a Post-Pandemic World



■ **Dr. Laila C. Ahmad Helmi**

Head of English Department at Beirut Arab University (BAU) - Lebanon

- Language, Teaching, and Distance Learning: Will the Standards of Language Teaching be Elevated?



■ **Dr. Maya El Hage Zahran**

Chairperson of the Department of English and Translation at Notre Dame University (NDU- Louaize) - Lebanon

- Language Teaching and Distance Learning: Will the Future of Language Teaching Shift Completely to Online?



■ **Dr. Nuwar Mawlawi Diab**

Associate Professor of Applied Linguistics at the Lebanese American University - Lebanon



Chair

Ms. Mireille Akiki Mahfouz

Journalist

13:30 – 14:30

Lunch Break

14:30 – 16:30 **SESSION 6 | Rethinking Arts and innovation amidst the Pandemic**

- Arts across History and amid the Pandemic



■ **Mr. Nabil Basbous**

Artist - Lebanon

- Arts during Pandemic: Creativity or Survival?

- *Mémoire de l'Avenir - Humanities Arts and Society, UNESCO MOST Program - France*

- The Music and the Brain: Creative Approaches to Community Health



■ **Dr. Colette Khoury Youssef**

Oprah El Arab, Owner of Colette Academy - Lebanon

- Environmental Arts and Humanities



■ **Dr. Steven Hartman**

Executive Director, BRIDGES Sustainability Science Coalition, UNESCO Management of Social Transformations Programme - Iceland

- Arts, Interdisciplinarity, and cross-cultural studies



■ **Ms. Maryam Rashidi**

*Researcher in Interdisciplinary and cross-cultural studies
at the Australian National University – France*



Chair

Ms. Vivian Kanj

Artist and University Professor - Lebanon

16:30 – 17:30

**Closing Session | Briefing and
Recommendations**

DAY 3 | SATURDAY NOVEMBER 27, 2021

8:00 – 12:00

**Guided tour in the city of Byblos to discover
a mix of historical, cultural and touristic sites (Optional)**





