

EUGLOH Open University Global Healers: Arts and Humanities

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Organised by University of Szeged (Hungary)

with the participation of invited speakers including partner institutions and the member universities of the EUGLOH alliance:

Lund University (Sweden) and
Universidade do Porto (Portugal)

WHAT IS EUGLOH OPEN UNIVERSITY?

This course is the English version of a popular general knowledge course of University of Szeged (USZ). The Open University (Szabadegyetem in Hungarian) has been running at USZ with great success for 16 years now as an optional course for all of the students of the University.

Do the humanities have a healing power? Is there cure in philosophy or ethics? Can we combine cultural studies with the various disciplines of medicine to promote health? These and similar questions will be addressed in the new series of the online lectures of the Open University, related to **global health from the perspective of arts, humanities and social sciences**. The course is open to all majors, with the aim to disseminate information about ways in which the humanities and social sciences can contribute to diverse practices of healing and our understandings of health, but also more broadly how innovative and interdisciplinary uses of arts and humanities subjects serve the creation of a healthy society. Invited speakers come from various backgrounds in which the humanities play diverse roles, either as central focus of research or as providing an inspiring perspective or insight into seemingly non-related disciplines.

Topics to be discussed frequently rely on non-traditional disciplinary combinations, and range from medical humanities to ecology, ethics, sustainability, media culture, utopian food studies, or feature the more traditional vein of liberal humanities, understood from new contexts.

All speakers in the series are scholars and researchers with international reputation, including lecturers coming from EUGLOH Universities. Lectures will be presented online. Grading will be based on quizzes following each week's topic OR an online test at the end of the semester (students may choose). Recorded versions of lectures will be available for viewing after the event.

LECTURERS AND TOPICS INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING

Holly Case, Brown University: "Robot Revolutions: Why Do Robots Always Rise Up?"

Kent Cartwright, University of Maryland, College Park: "Laughter, Surprise, and Wonder: The Healthfulness of Shakespearean Comedy"

Helena Sandberg, Lund University: "Media and health - a happy marriage?"

Patrick Gray, University of Durham: "Dramatic Representations of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD): Sophocles, Seneca, Shakespeare, and the Question of Anachronism"

István Szendi, University of Szeged: "The Narrative Facilitation of Recovery"

Fátima Vieira, University of Porto: "Alimentopia: Utopian Foodways"

Anna Kérchy, University of Szeged: "The cultural history of freak shows: navigating between mythical, biomedical, and social constructionist understandings of disability -- towards a healthier society"

Lilla Farmasi, University of Szeged: "Cognitive science and literature: Literary representations of the subjective experience of being ill"

Beata Glinka, University of Warsaw: "Organisations in a social context: how volunteering influences employees"

Shaul Bassi, University of Venice: "The Medusa and the Mermaid: Thinking and Feeling with the Environmental Humanities"

Paola Spinozzi, University of Ferrara, TBA

Dávid Marno, University of California, Berkeley: TBA

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

Students and lecturers from all faculties of member universities of the EUGLOH Alliance (University of Szeged, Paris-Saclay University, Lund University, Ludwig-Maximilian University of München, University of Porto). Presentations will address questions that students with any background can relate to if they have a basic curiosity towards arts and humanities subjects.

WHAT PEDAGOGICAL METHODS/TOOLS ARE APPLIED?

Lectures by online video streaming, interactive communication tools.

HOW ATTENDENCE IS AWARDED?

EUGLOH Certificate and 3 ECTS will be provided for the students attending the Open University. Students will be evaluated at the end of the course by online test OR based on the quizzes following each lecture (students may choose).

WHERE CAN YOU GET INFORMATION?

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