

2021 ELLAK International Conference

# Beyond Pandemics: Reimagining the Humanities and the New Normal

December 16 - 18, 2021  
Virtual Online Conference

- Hotel President, Seoul  
(with limited in-person attendance)

## KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

**Elaine Scarry**

(Harvard University, USA)

“Beauty and the Pact of Aliveness”

**Richard Kearney**

(Boston College, USA)

“Recovering Our Senses in an Age of Pandemics”

**Marianne Hirsch**

(Columbia University, USA)

“Remembering Possibility”

### Special Session 1

**Aliveness in the Pandemic Era:  
Memory, Ecology, and Disease**

**Sophia Yashih Liu** (National Taiwan University, Taiwan)

**Shawn D. Normandin** (Sungkyunkwan University, Korea)

**Yoonsik Jung** (Sungkyunkwan University, Korea)

### Special Session 2

**Literature and English Education in the Pandemic Era**

**Ken Liu** (Writer, USA)

**Min Hyoung Song** (Boston College, USA)

**Jungtae Kim** (Pai Chai University, Korea)

### Special Session 3

**Literary Imagination in the Pandemic Era**

**Richard Jean So** (McGill University, Canada)

**Mads Rosendahl Thomsen** (Aarhus University, Denmark)

**Jungha Kim** (Seoul National University, Korea)

### Special Session 4

**Biotechnology and Performativity of Pandemics:  
Bacteria, Plague, and Medicine**

**Nancy Tones** (SUNY-Stony Brook, USA)

**Josh Edelman** (Manchester Metropolitan University, UK)

**Young Su Park** (Haverford College, USA)

### Special Session 5

**Pandemic and the New Normal 1:  
Media, Environment, and Disaster**

**Michael Szalay** (UC-Irvine, USA)

**Seung-hoon Jeong** (California State University, Long Beach, USA)

**Hester Blum** (Penn State University, USA)

### Special Session 6

**Human Bonds and Communities in Disasters**

**Sung-soo Kim** (Film Director, Korea)

**Yi-kwan Kang** (Film Director, Korea)

**Hei-rim Hwang** (Film Programmer, Korea)

### Special Session 7

**Pandemic and the New Normal 2:  
Earth, Ecology, and Civilization**

**Dohoon Bok** (Seoul National University of Science & Technology, Korea)

**Hyowon Shim** (Yonsei University, Korea)

**Euihuack Kang** (Chonnam National University, Korea)

### Roundtable Session

**Beyond the Pandemic:  
Towards Life, Recovery, and Sustainability**

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