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#  Faculty of Letters Romanian-U.S. Romanian Association for

# “Ovidius” University of Constanța Fulbright Commission American Studies - RAAS

# Call for Papers

##### The 2021 RAAS-Fulbright Conference (online)

***Eco Consciousness:***

***Imperatives in American Culture***

**October 7-9, 2021**

The topic of the conference invites contributors to reflect on the significance of ECOlogy as key concern in the United States of America and around the world today. Some of the questions the conference hopes to discuss are: have decision makers and communities developed effective strategies of dealing with climate change and the ECOlogical crises of this century, has American culture addressed the problems that threaten the ECOsystem responsibly and equitably, does ECOcriticism help in raising environmental awareness when applied to American cultural productions? The conversations to take place will focus on developments emerging from environmental humanities and posthumanism, embracing interdisciplinary perspectives originating with literary studies, media studies, cultural studies, geography, sociology, psychology, anthropology, history, political science, international relations, law, economics and other associated fields.

Proposals for papers and panel discussions can relate, but are not limited, to the following topics:

* ECOcritical readings of American literature / culture;
* ECOfeminism;
* ECOdramaturgy;
* ECOtheology;
* ECOlogy and the American city;
* ECOlogy and the American youth culture;
* ECOlogy and ethnicity in the U.S.A;
* ECOlogy and trauma;
* ECOactivism and its discontents;
* ECOeffectiveness and sustainability in a digitalized world;
* environmental justice: theory and practice;
* reversing climate change: challenges and solutions;
* preserving biodiversity;
* land / animal / human rights in the context of natural disaster;
* the return to nature: synchronic and diachronic perspectives;

***We are pleased to announce that***

***Professor Philip John Davies,* Eccles Centre for American Studies, The British Library, UK**

***Professor Adina Ciugureanu,* Ovidius University, Constanta, Romania; Fulbright Ambassador**

***Professor Michaela Praisler*, “Dunărea de Jos” University of Galați, Romania**

***have accepted our invitation to participate in the conference as key-note speakers.***

Proposals for 20-minute papers should be submitted by **31 May 2021** in the form of an abstract of 150-200 words. As each paper will be followed by 10-minute discussions, participants are kindly asked to limit the presentation to their time-slot. Those interested in proposing a panel discussion should submit the title and the names of at least three other academics who will participate in the talk.

If you are interested in participating, please fill in the registration form attached separately to this message and return itat the following e-mail address: **raas.conferences@gmail.com****.**

**Conference fee: RAAS members - 100 RON / 20 EURO**

 **RAAS member students – no fee**

 **Non-RAAS members - 40 EURO/ 50 USD**

**A selection of conference papers will be published in a peer-reviewed volume printed at Peter Lang Publishing (for details check the latest RAAS conference volume:** <https://www.peterlang.com/view/title/72068>).

**In addition, peer-reviewed papers will be published in the *International* *Journal of Cross-Cultural Studies and Environmental Communication*** [**https://crossculturenvironment.wordpress.com/**](https://crossculturenvironment.wordpress.com/)**, indexed in:**

[– CEEOL (Central and Eastern European Online Library)](http://www.ceeol.com/search/journal-detail?id=145)

[– SearchWorks Catalog](https://searchworks.stanford.edu/view/10203386)

– [Electronic Journals Library (EZB)](http://ezb.uni-regensburg.de/detail.phtml?bibid=AAAAA&colors=7&lang=en&jour_id=199516)

[– Index Copernicus](http://www.journals.indexcopernicus.com/Revista%2Binternationala%2Bde%2Bstudii%2Binterculturale%2Bsi%2Bcomunicare%2Ba%2Bmediului%2B%2Cp1319%2C3.html)– [The Linguist List. International Linguistics Community Online](http://linguistlist.org/pubs/journals/get-journals.cfm?JournalID=20300)

– [SCIPIO (Scientific Publishing & Information Online)](http://www.scipio.ro/web/international-journal-of-cross-cultural-studies-and-environmental-communication)

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