

Online Fulbright Symposium: **Knowledge between the physical place and the virtual space.**

Tuesday, June 29, 2021

6:00 pm (Israel time), 5:00 pm (CEST), 11:00 am (EDT)

Greetings:

Elizabeth K. Horst Board Co-Chair, Fulbright Germany

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Opening remarks:

Mary Kirk Director, Office of Academic Exchange Programs, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, U.S. Department of State

Panel 1 | Production and Management of Academic Knowledge

Moderator:

Dr. Naomi Beck VP for Strategy and International Affairs at the Council for Higher Education in Israel, Israel

Panelists:

Professor Ron Robin President, University of Haifa, Israel

Dr. Enno Aufderheide Secretary General, Alexander von Humboldt Foundation, Germany

Professor Laurie L. Patton President, Middlebury College, USA

Video Message:

Mika Bak, Advisor on Pedagogical Subjects, Director General of the Israeli Ministry of Education.

Panel 2 | The Power of Knowledge Curation and Communication

Moderator:

Dr. Jeanne Rubner Head of the science and education desk at the German Public Broadcasting in Munich.

Panelists:

Dr. Nike Thurn Research Associate and Chief Editor of the *Historical Judgment* Magazine, German Historical Museum (DHM), Germany

Micah Vandegrift Open Knowledge Librarian, North Carolina State University Libraries, USA

Dr. Uri Hollander Deputy Director, The Ralli Museums; Artistic Director, Metulla Poetry Festival; Director, The Artist Residence Herzliya, Israel

Video Message:

Nadja Yang Rhodes Scholar at Oxford University, UK and President of the European Young Engineers

Closing Remarks:

Dr. Anat Lapidot-Firilla, Executive Director, Fulbright Israel



Mary E. Kirk is the Director of the Office of Academic Exchange Programs in the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. Ms. Kirk is responsible for directing the worldwide Fulbright Program for students and scholars and overseeing other key State Department academic exchange programs, including the Mandela Washington Fellowship of the Young African Leaders Initiative (YALI), Study of the U.S. Institutes, the Global Undergraduate Exchange Program (Global UGRAD), and the Young South East Asian Leadership Initiative (YSEALI). In addition, she oversees grants to organizations of interest to Congress such as the East-West Center, Council of American Overseas Research Centers (CAORC), and the Fulbright University of Vietnam.

Ms. Kirk came to the Bureau in September 2012 with extensive experience and leadership in the international education/exchange field. She previously served at the Institute of International Education (IIE) for over twenty years, opening IIE offices in Budapest and Moscow, and then taking on responsibilities of increasing importance at IIE headquarters in New York City including Vice President for Student Exchanges and Senior Counselor to the President. Before joining IIE in 1989, she served as a program officer at IREX for the Graduate Student/Young Faculty Exchange Program with the USSR Ministry of Higher Education. Ms. Kirk holds degrees in history from Harvard University and Oxford University (Somerville College).

Panel 1: Production and Management of Academic Knowledge

Moderator:



Dr. Naomi Beck

Naomi Beck is VP for Strategy and International Affairs at the Council for Higher Education in Israel. She earned her doctorate from Paris 1 (Pantheon-Sorbonne) and had held a number of doctoral and post-doctoral teaching and research positions in Europe and in the USA, among others at the University of Chicago and in Max Planck Institutes.

She is the author of *Hayek and the Evolution of Capitalism* (University of Chicago Press, 2018).

Panelists:



Professor Ron Robin

President of the University of Haifa, Prof. Robin is an expert in American History, with a PhD in American History from the University of California at Berkeley. Prof. Robin was a faculty member at the University of Haifa for over twenty years, during which he held several official positions, including Dean of Students. In 2006, Prof. Robin joined New York University-NYU where, amongst other things, he served as the Vice Provost and was responsible for establishing NYU international

campuses in Abu Dhabi and Shanghai.

Prof. Robin was a 1980 Fulbright fellow at the University of California, Berkeley.

Prof. Robin is the author of six books and dozens of articles. He has published research on the political, cultural and media aspects of the Cold War between the U.S. and the former USSR, and about Politics and Culture in the American academia.



Professor Laurie L. Patton

President of Middlebury College and the first woman to lead the institution, Patton is a leading authority on South Asian history and culture, and the author or editor of 11 books in these fields. She has also translated the ancient Hindu text, *The Bhagavad Gita*, for Penguin Classics Series, and is the author of three books of poetry.

Prof. Patton was a 1999 Fulbright fellow at Tel Aviv University.

During her academic career, Patton served on the faculty and administration at Emory University, where she was the Charles Howard Candler Professor of Religions and the inaugural director of Emory's Center for Faculty Development and Excellence in the Office of the Provost. Patton then served as the Durden Professor of Religion and Duke University's Dean of Arts and Sciences. She served as president of the American Society for the Study of Religion and the president of the American Academy of Religion. In April 2018, she was elected to be a member of the American Academy of Arts & Sciences, as a leader in two fields —religion/philosophy and education.

**Dr. Enno Aufderheide**

Secretary General of the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation.

Aufderheide held various positions in the German Research Foundation, was head of the Research Policy and External Relations Department at the Max Planck Society in Munich where he played a key role in the Society's internationalization strategy. From December 2008 onwards, he also took on responsibility for managing the Minerva Foundation for the promotion of German-Israeli academic cooperation. He was the head of the Research Department at the German Council of Science and Humanities, then became the executive director of the "Science" Section at the Helmholtz Association. He is and was a member of various national and international committees for the promotion of science and is the author of numerous academic and science policy publications. The distinctions he has received for his work include the Kussmaul Medal, which he was awarded by the German Society for Rheumatology in 2009.

Enno Aufderheide is an alumnus of the German National Academic Foundation. He studied biology at the universities of Bielefeld and Bonn and was a Fulbright Fellow at the University of Colorado in Boulder, USA. He worked on his doctoral dissertation at the Max Planck Society's Friedrich Miescher Laboratory and was awarded a doctorate by Tübingen University in 1988.

Video feature:

Mika Bak received her B.A. in Education and International Relations from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem in 2017. She studied towards her Master's Degree in International Education Policy at Harvard University as a Fulbright fellow. Mika served as a Hebrew teacher in Gondar, Ethiopia, working with the local Jewish community. This caused her to be interested specifically in education of immigrant children. Before her Fulbright fellowship, Mika worked for JDC Israel, which works towards reducing socio-economic gaps and creating a strong and effective civil society.

Nowadays she serves as an Advisor on Pedagogical Subjects to the Director General of the Israeli Ministry of Education.

Panel 2: The Power of Knowledge Curation and Communication

Moderator:



Dr. Jeanne Rubner has been head of the science and education desk at the German Public Broadcasting in Munich since 2012. Prior to her actual position, where she is responsible for several Radio and TV shows, she was a reporter and editor for the Sueddeutsche Zeitung, Germany's leading national daily paper. She had positions in the science, domestic and foreign politics sections. Jeanne Rubner studied physics and history of science in Regensburg, Strasbourg and with a Fulbright scholarship at the University of Washington in Seattle. She holds a Ph.D. in artificial intelligence from the Technical University of Munich. She is author of several books on science, politics and education. For her science writing she was awarded 2008 the newly created Universitas Prize for Science Journalism from the Hanns-Martin-Schleyer Foundation.

Panellists:



Dr. Nike Thurn is responsible for the accompanying program to all of the special exhibitions as well as the (new) permanent exhibition of the Deutsches Historisches Museum (DHM, German Historical Museum) in Berlin and heads the editorial staff of the annual magazine "Historical Judgment" (with C.H. Beck publishers, English and German). Before joining the museum in 2018, Nike held a postdoctoral position for German Studies with a focus on heterogeneity, diversity, and inclusion at Bielefeld University. She obtained her Ph.D. in Modern German Literature

at the Collaborative Research Center "Strangers and Poor People. Changing Patterns of Inclusion and Exclusion from Classical Antiquity to the Present Day" (Trier University, funded by the German Research Association). Nike studied Cultural Studies at Leuphana University Lüneburg and Art History and Media Studies at the National and Kapodistrian University Athens, Greece.



Dr. Uri Hollander was born in Tel-Aviv in 1979. He graduated summa cum laude from the Israeli Music Conservatory in Tel-Aviv, and obtained his Ph.D. from the department of Hebrew literature of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. He is currently the Deputy Director of the Ralli Museums, Caesarea, and has been a Starr Fellow in Judaica at Harvard University. He has published three books of poems, two books of E.E. Cummings and Max Jacob's poetry in Hebrew translation, and several books of critical essays. Hollander has been writing a regularly published column at Haaretz's literary supplement since 2006, through which he has

been exploring a wide assortment of ideas having to do with the canonicity of modern Hebrew literature, constructions of identity and otherness in Israeli culture, and the relationships

between literature and music. Hollander also served as the artistic director of the Metula Poetry Festival, and as the director of the Artist Residence Herzliya.



Micah Vandegrift's research focuses on the evolution of policies and technologies that maximize the dissemination and impact of publicly engaged scholarship. Specifically, he is developing a concept of documentation as a form of scholarly communication, and exploring the evolving landscape of evaluating and validating new forms of scholarly output. As NC State University Libraries' first Open Knowledge Librarian, Micah is dedicated to building programs and projects for the research and learning community to embrace a more open scholarly praxis. He was also the lead Principal Investigator for Visualizing Digital Scholarship in Libraries and Learning Spaces (Immersive Scholar) funded by a grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation. Recently, Micah studied open science policy and infrastructure in The Netherlands and Denmark as a Fulbright-Schuman Research Fellow, and previously worked as the Director of Digital Scholarship at Florida State University.

Video feature:



Nadja Yang is pursuing her PhD in Systems Engineering at Oxford as a Rhodes Scholar. She is the President of the European Young Engineers.