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Call for  
Applications

# “Living with...”: From the Pandemic to the Climate Crisis

An international workshop on  
the emergence of risk normality

The COVID-19 pandemic has radically changed the environment we were used to. Imposed social distancing and the need to wear masks, coupled with quarantines, the globalization of the virus, and the realization that there is no place where one may escape its grip, have turned life in 2020 into a strange and somewhat apocalyptic experience. However, the challenges that COVID-19 poses to life in 2020 merely exemplify those posed by a much greater crisis: climate change.

The climate crisis is changing the planet and, more significantly for us, the human habitat. A changing habitat requires adaptation: The climate crisis, like the pandemic, calls for new ways of “living with.”

What is the meaning of “living with”? Surely, the answer includes most aspects of life, such as workplace, family, leisure, career, politics, science, theology, and individuality. We see these changes, taken together, as the emergence of a new normality, a normality of risks. The anthropological implications of this normality for public health and policy are what we want to tackle in this workshop.

The four-day workshop is open to early career researchers (PhD candidates, postdoc fellows, and early-career academics) of all disciplines, mainly in the humanities, environmental studies and social sciences, including philosophy, new media, cultural studies, and history.

**For more information please visit the workshop's webpage here.**

The workshop will be held in Jerusalem, Israel, and will provide overseas students a \$500 grant as partial reimbursement of their travel expenses and accommodation costs in Jerusalem. Local participants will receive reimbursement for transportation to and from Jerusalem.

## Applications should include:

- CV
- Abstract of the proposed original paper to be discussed (please include references for works cited)

The deadline for the submission of all application materials is **February 28, 2021**.

Application materials should be submitted by email to [living@vanleer.org.il](mailto:living@vanleer.org.il)

Please note that we expect participants to send papers for pre-circulation by June 1, 2021.

## Participating Scholars:

- Prof. Nadav Davidovitch, School of Public Health, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev
- Prof. Eva Horn, Department of German Studies, University of Vienna
- Prof. Andrew Lakoff, College of Letters, Art and Science, University of Southern California (USC)
- Dr. Limor Samimian Darash, Federman School of Public Policy, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem
- Prof. Monica Schoch-Spana, Bloomberg School of Public Health, Johns Hopkins University
- Dr. Dora Vargha, Department of History, University of Exeter

**Note:** We are planning this workshop in the hope that by July 2021 we will have returned to a normal course of academic life. If that is not the case, we will consider adapting the workshop to a virtual format.