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Register for July Shorts

Registration remains open for the July Shorts (July 13-17). Please be sure to register before the lottery date, Friday, June 26. July Shorts will be held via Zoom. **The last day to add/drop a July Short or request a refund is July 10.** Click to view courses and register: [July Shorts.](#)

Need Help Zooming?

Links

June Minis use recurring links, that is, the links are the same for all four times the class meets.

Tips to ensure your readiness for classes:

- If Zoom doesn't seem to be working, close your browser, re-open the browser, and join the meeting again. Or try a different browser. For example, if you were using Firefox, quit Firefox, and try Google Chrome instead. Then, join the meeting again.
- If you have multiple devices, for example, a laptop and a tablet, download Zoom on each device. If one device doesn't work, try another.

Zoom Tech Support Team

If you are having difficulty joining or staying on a Zoom class, please take advantage of the OLLI Tech Support Team who have volunteered to assist members. E-mail one of the Tech Support Team members to schedule up a time to work with them. Download a list of the [OLLI Tech Support Team members.](#)

Seeking Lecture Speakers

To broaden members' exposure to a wide range of expertise, we draw speakers from the federal government, universities, arts organizations, media, think tanks, and other institutions in the Washington metropolitan area. The Lecture Committee, made up of 12 to 18 OLLI members, researches and reviews potential speakers. Emphasis is placed on offering a series with a diverse group of speakers and topics. To recommend a speaker, please call the office at 202-895-4860 or email olli@american.edu.

Please note that OLLI policy is that Study Group Leaders cannot give lectures. Members already have the option to register for study groups led by individuals in whom they are interested. Also, with more than 120 individuals serving as Study Group Leaders throughout the year, our lecture schedule cannot possibly accommodate all, or even, most SGLs. The lecture series gives us the opportunity to hear from experts outside our current network.

Bloomsday Next Tuesday, June 16

BLOOMSDAY: A Virtual Celebration, A Zoom-Powered Online Reading will be held from 4:00-7:00 PM on Tuesday, June 16. Click to register: <https://olli-dc.org/events/Bloomsday2020>. For more information, [e-mail Bob Kolodney](mailto:Bob.Kolodney@american.edu).

American University Online Events

Center for Israel Studies

This academic year the Center for Israel Studies hosted over 56 academics, authors, artists, performers and public figures, to share their Israel expertise in 25 public programs. Watch [Dennis Ross and David Makovsky give the Perlmutter lecture](#) (Feb. 2020) and access our video archive.

When the pandemic hit, our programming went virtual. Hundreds of people tuned into our April weekly online series, "Israel in Crisis" with scholars from AU and Israel. Click here to watch [CIS Director Michael Brenner's fascinating conversation with Fania Oz-Salzberger](#) on how Covid-19 is changing Israel.

AU Museum

During our closure, we are bringing you [#ArtWhereYouAre](#) with exhibition highlights and selections from our permanent collection on our digital platforms. Until we reopen, connect with our [Museum@Home](#) and follow us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [Twitter](#). You'll find e-book catalogs, artist-inspired children's art activities, playlists inspired by exhibiting artists, information on virtual events, and more.

Raw Hope of Humanity Rising

Please join us for two online public dialogues this Summer, co-hosted by the Third Space Network and the American University Museum. The series Raw Hope of Humanity Rising brings together artists, activists, media critics, cultural and government officials in interdisciplinary panels to discuss the political impact of Covid-19 during the run-up to the 2020 presidential election. Visit the [website](#) for more information.

Panel 2: Information vs. Propaganda

Wednesday, June 17, 2020, 6:00-7:30pm

The distortion of truth and information through techniques of propaganda and disinformation that falsely attempt to persuade public opinion.

[Register for Information vs Propaganda](#)

Featuring:

- Randall Packer, Moderator (Creative Director, Third Space Network)
- Hasan Elahi (Artist, Director, School of Art, George Mason University)
- Will Stevens (U.S. Dept. of State Foreign Service Officer, Former Spokesperson, U.S. Embassy in Moscow)
- Siva Vaidhyathan (Professor, Modern Media Studies, University of Virginia)

Hasan Elahi, Tracking Transience 2.0

Panel 3: Idealism vs Cynicism

Wednesday, July 22, 2020, 6:00-7:30pm

The disruption of idealism essential to the core principles of democracy though cynical disdain for the rule of law, wisdom, truth, and logic.

[Register for Idealism vs. Cynicism](#)

Featuring:

- Randall Packer, Moderator
- Zoë Charlton (Artist, Associate Professor, American University)
- Lee McIntyre (Research Fellow, Center for Philosophy and History of Science, Boston University)
- Monica Montgomery (Executive Director, Prince George's African American Museum and Cultural Center)

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The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at American University is an association of, by, and for the people in the Washington, DC area who wish to continue to study and learn.

OLLI at AU is dedicated to the proposition that learning is a lifelong process and that *curiosity never retires*.

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