

The Sherry Turkle Miracle

Online workshop organized by the COMMITTEE FOR COMMUNICATION AND MEDIA THEORY, Hungarian Academy of Sciences. The texts of the talks presented have been accessible online well before the event. Please direct all inquiries to Kristóf Nyíri, Chair, Committee for Communication and Media Theory, Hungarian Academy of Sciences, <nyirik@gmail.com>.

Workshop date was: May 27, 2021, 15:00 – 17:15

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PROGRAM:

15:00 – 15:05: **Introduction** by **Kristóf Nyíri**, Chair, Committee for Communication and Media Theory, Hungarian Academy of Sciences.

15:05 – 15:15: **“Simmelian Tensions in the Reading of Turkle”**
Talk by **Rich Ling**, Member of the Norwegian Academy. Ling is Shaw Foundation Professor of Media Technology at the Wee Kim Wee School of Communication and Information at Nanyang Technological University, Singapore.

15:15 – 15:25: **“Machinery of Women: From Genuine Relationships to Empathic Rhetoric”**
Talk by **Zita Komár**, Corvinus University of Budapest, Institute of Marketing, Department of Marketing, Media and Design Communication.

- 15:25 – 15:35: “[**Alone Together Ten Years After: Dis-connection, Care and Emotions in a \(Post\) Pandemic Age**](#)”
Talk by **Giuseppina Pellegrino**, Assistant Professor of Sociology of Communication, University of Calabria; Fulbright Distinguished Lecturer in Italian Studies, University of Pittsburgh.
- 15:35 – 15:45: “[**Technology as Cause of and Solution to the Empathy Problem**](#)”
Talk by **Dan Weijers** and **Nick Munn**. Weijers is Convener and Senior Lecturer in the Philosophy Programme, The University of Waikato. Munn is Senior Lecturer in Philosophy at The University of Waikato.
- 15:45 – 15:55: “[**Better Future or Armageddon**](#)”
Talk by **Márta Konczos Szombathelyi**, Professor of Management and Business Administration Sciences, Széchenyi István University. Chair, Working Committee for Communication Management, Hungarian Academy of Sciences.
- 15:55 – 16:05: “[**Merging Values in a Multicultural Context of Science**](#)”
Talk by **Dr. Judit Hidasi**, Professor of Communication Studies, Doctoral School of Entrepreneurship, Budapest Business School – University of Applied Sciences.
- 16:05 – 16:15: “[**Human-Object Continuities in Sherry Turkle’s STS-Anthropology**](#)”
Talk by **Dr. Ferenc Hammer**, Associate Professor. Chair, Media and Communication Department, Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest.
- 16:15 – 16:25: “[**Understanding and Predicting the Behaviour of Artificial Agents**](#)”
Talk by **Judit Szalai**, Associate Professor, Institute of Philosophy, Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest. 16:25 –

16:35: “[Neural Chitchat](#)”

Talk by **Barry Smith**, Professor of Philosophy,
University at Buffalo.
Director, National Center for Ontological Research.

16:35 – 16:45: “[Why is Sherry Turkle’s Work Important to Me?](#)”

Talk by **Árpád Rab**, PhD, Associate Professor,
Corvinus University of Budapest.

16:45 – 16:55: “[Life Bytes](#)”

Talk by **Anna Reading**, Director of the Arts and
Humanities Research Institute,
Professor of Cultural and Creative Industries.
Faculty of Arts and Humanities, Kings College, London.

16:55 – 17:05: “[Another Little Sherry](#)”

Talk by **Kristóf Nyíri**, Professor of Philosophy,
Member of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences.
Chair, Committee for Communication and Media Theory,
Hungarian Academy of Sciences.

17:05 – 17:15: **Closing discussion**

“[Understanding New Media from the Bottom Up](#)”.

Paper by **Róbert Tardos**, CSc, sociology, Senior Research Fellow, Faculty
of Social Sciences, Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest. Member of the
Committee for Communication and Media Theory, Hungarian Academy of
Sciences. Not attending the workshop.