

The Hilldale Lecture Series

Faculty Division of the Arts and Humanities presents:

“A Future University Without Humanities?”

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(Check the lobby monitor for room location)

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The academic “Humanities and Arts” have long been successful in transforming discourses on their own “crisis” into a seemingly pleasant mode of survival. But what if, finally and “out of the blue,” this discourse referred to a real peril within in the present and looming future environment of the academic world? This is the opening for a reflection that will try to assess – with sober detachment rather than in apologetic tones – what contemporary societies and cultures would lose if, this time, the “crisis of the Humanities” were truly life-threatening. It is of course possible that the courage to ask such questions in a serious way will produce the reward, in the end, of a less pessimistic view of the “Humanities and Arts.”

A reception will precede the talk at 5:30 in the lounge area outside the lecture room..

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