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Medical Humanities and Post-COVID Futures

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Michelle Pujol Room (SUB A121)

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The COVID pandemic has revealed is the deep entanglement of social, cultural, religious, spiritual and historical life with the bio-medical. It is the role of medical humanities to pay attention to those interactions and to examine how they play out in the human experience and potential impact of the pandemic. Using methods and examples from critical medical humanities research I will reflect upon the past and present of the pandemic, and on the role of medical humanities in shaping potential futures.

Jane Macnaughton is Professor of Medical Humanities at Durham University and Director of the University's Institute for Medical Humanities. Her research focuses on the idea of the 'symptom': its initial appearance, development and evolution in medical contexts, cultures and technologies.

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