

PANDEMICS, DYSTOPIAS AND NEW WORLDS

Politics laid bare in times of virus

The outbreak of the virus was foreseen in numerous essays and films, although, despite the fact that we had been warned, it has still smashed all our routines. The sociologist and political expert, Mario Zubiaga Garate, analyses the political consequences of the pandemic, and highlights the virus's capacity to expose what is real – what lies beneath the reality.

[Mario Zubiaga Garate](#)

Micro-bio, disease and nature

The Philosophy of Biology lecturer, Arantza Etxeberria Agiriano, analyses the links existing between individual and general (community, society, nature) aspects of the disease, based on the philosophical debate about the concepts of health and disease, in which the nature of the virus, the history of infectious diseases, the influence of biology and society and the ecological aspect of the disease are intertwined.

[Arantza Etxeberria Agiriano](#)

Ecodystopia in prospective, EHotopia in perspective

The Sociology lecturer, Joseba Azkarraga Etxagibel, pinpoints the pandemic within the general context of eco-social failure. He predicts that the future will bring about a greater loss of complexity (collapse), and in order to prevent the triumph of capitalism in its most brutal form, he proclaims the reinvention of an emancipation project, providing some fundamentals about the subject.

[Joseba Azkarraga Etxagibel](#)

Post-truths in times of uncertainty

The graduate in Philosophy, Irati Zubia Landa, analyses the implications of post-truths in situations of uncertainty. She defends the hypothesis that the risks and dynamics attached to post-truths become aggravated in times of uncertainty.

[Irati Zubia Landa](#)

About the reason for the pandemic: in defence of conspiracy, paranoia and denialism

The writer, lecturer and literary critic, Joseba Gabilondo, maintains that conspiracy, paranoia and denialism (*conspiranoidenialism*) are political methods or means that can be considered fruitful, active and populist and that, therefore, need to be understood and analysed within their complex *politicity*. This is because rationalist comparisons and condemnation from the left end up ultimately proving to be the ineffective, weak response of an enlightened and arrogant minority, once again reducing left-wing politics to the dynamics of minority groups that loses the support of the majority. [Joseba Gabilondo](#)

Report following the third wave (2024)

The writer Harkaitz Cano presents us with dystopian fiction that takes us to 2024, experiencing the consequences of the pandemic's third wave. [Harkaitz Cano](#)

News today

This gathers together cultural information focusing on the present from various areas and perspectives. This year we shall be closely following culture, sociolinguistic and globalization matters. This section draws on various specialists: Itziar Ugarte Irizar, Jaime Altuna Ramirez and Alba Garmendia Castaños. [Various authors](#)