

Editors' Preface

The fifth volume of *Working Papers in American Studies* brings together a selection of works based on presentations delivered at the 2020 American Studies Workshop. Held at the University of Zagreb in September 2020, the workshop designated as its theme the cultural aspects of the COVID-19 pandemic and assembled in what was at the time a new, hybrid format, a plethora of international and national scholars. As this volume shows, the workshop manifested a particularly strong presence of doctoral students. We present the texts as an illustration of the early perspectives on the pandemic, currently in its second year and clearly inviting further considerations in terms of its manifold repercussions – health and medical, political, geo-political, economic, moral and ethical.

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