



On the occasion of its 60th anniversary, the [Fulbright Foundation in Greece](#) introduces the “**Great Ideas**” series in support of educational and cultural connections between Greece and the United States. The goal of the “**Great Ideas**” series is to bring noted American experts and artists to Greece to perform and discuss current topics of interest to the Greek and American people. Three noted Americans are currently slated to participate in the series:

Dr. Ruth Faden, Executive Director, Johns Hopkins Berman Institute of Bioethics

Mr. Glenn Lowry, Ph.D., Director, Museum of Modern Art (MOMA)

Dr. Richard Levin, President, Yale University

The “**Great Ideas**” series is organized with the support of the [Stavros Niarchos Foundation](#), the [U.S. Embassy in Athens](#), and the [U.S. Consulate General in Thessaloniki](#).

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PROGRAM INFORMATION

Dr. Ruth Faden, Executive Director, Johns Hopkins Berman Institute of Bioethics

The first American expert to visit Greece as part of the “**Great Ideas**” series is acclaimed biomedical ethics professor Dr. Ruth Faden, Executive Director of the Johns Hopkins [Berman Institute of Bioethics at Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health](#). Dr. Faden will speak to public and student audiences in Athens and Thessaloniki on the topics of human enhancement and pandemics.

THESSALONIKI

In Thessaloniki, Dr. Faden will discuss “**The Moral Challenges Posed by Pandemics.**” Dr. Faden will focus on the morally challenging dimensions of a pandemic and will discuss how the medical and economic burdens of a possible pandemic will fall disproportionately on the poor and disadvantaged, both within countries and globally.

The event, co-organized by the American College of Thessaloniki, University Division of Anatolia, will take place on:

**December 17, 2007, at 6:30 p.m.
Raphael Hall Performing Arts Center
Anatolia College, Pylaia, Thessaloniki**

For more information contact 2310-248-905, ext. 3107

ATHENS

In Athens, Dr. Faden will headline a program co-organized by the [Eugenides Foundation](#), and will lead a discussion on the topic “**Better, Healthier, More Beautiful: The Ethics of Biomedical Human Enhancement.**” In her presentation, Dr. Faden will discuss ways in which medical means are currently used to improve our health and ultimately enhance human beings. She will also discuss the moral worries about biomedical enhancement related to safety and eugenics, as well as the challenges involved in controlling such technologies. A discussion, moderated by Mr. George Zarkadakis, will follow with the participation of Dr. Georgios Maniatis and Dr. Elias Kouvelas.

Co-organized by the Eugenides Foundation, the event will be held on:

**December 19, 2007
6:30 p.m.
Eugenides Foundation, 387 Sygrou Ave (entrance from 11 Pentelis St.)**

For more information contact 210-946-9642

Simultaneous translation will be provided for the discussions in both Thessaloniki and Athens.

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