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We are contacting you regarding the current COVID-19 outbreak's impact on your Fellowship.

First, your safety and security are of the utmost priority and we will continue to monitor the situation closely. Because this is an emerging situation, responses may change as additional information becomes available.

Currently, all Greek universities are closed until March 25th and as of tomorrow, there will be a 30-day US travel ban on all non-US citizens or permanent residents coming from the Schengen visa zone. These policies do not indicate a long-term impediment to the GDFP; however, they may affect each fellow's project visit and travel differently.

Per the GDFP terms and conditions (attached for your quick reference), participation in the GDFP is at your own discretion. However, the CDC has issued a Warning - Level 3, Avoid Nonessential Travel<https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/notices/warning/coronavirus-europe?utm_campaign=Security%20Updates%20&utm_source=hs_email&utm_medium=email&utm_content=2&_hsenc=p2ANqtz-8Sh103cn-uwa9k0qeawsXu2Ujb77gRcupSYP57FHZ8VIqoTlqRvNI_CMOPSTIj_bbolKiB3jNMk4LYVjCdpfQxZhDaw&_hsmi=2> for Europe. We ask that Fellows and Hosts strongly consider what is best for all parties moving forward.

Should you decide to end your Fellowship to return home early, we would amend your Fellowship documents and related financial support to reflect your participation. Ending your Fellowship early will not affect your status as a good-standing member of the GDFP alumni.

If you decide to continue your Fellowship, we ask that you abide with the closure policies and protocols set in place by your Host institution. If this allows you to complete remote work towards your project, we hope that you would do so. Unfortunately, we are not able to extend your Fellowship dates to make up for this closure, however, we will honor your materials allowance and stipend for these closure dates.

Please let us know if you have any questions or would prefer to discuss over the phone.

We ask that you confirm receipt of this email and that you also email us your decision regarding your Fellowship.

Best,
The GDFP Team

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Dear GDFP Hosts,

We hope this note finds you well and safe amid these challenging times.

We are following up from the COVID-19 update that was sent to the GDFP Fellows on March 12th. The information contained below is equally important for you and your hosting institutions as you plan for the rest of the academic year and 2020.

As you know, this is an evolving situation however, please know that the safety of all hosts, hosting institutions and fellows alike is our top priority.

Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns regarding the program or continuing your work with your fellow.

Best,
The GDFP Team