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Unveiling TB Narratives: The Power of Storytelling

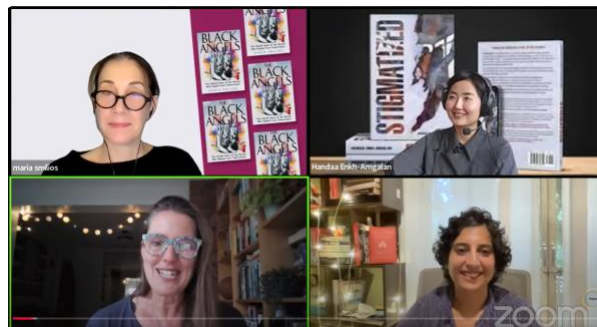
The poster features a background of crumpled white paper. On the left, there are vertical yellow and grey bars. The text on the poster includes:

- TBPPM MASTER CLASS** (in a yellow box on the left)
- Unveiling TB Narratives: The Power of Storytelling** (main title)
- Don't miss out on this Master Class to spark change through the art of narrative storytelling and meet the authors!
- TBPPM Master Class** (event title)
- 22 October 2024** (date)
- 5:30-8:30pm IST / 2-5pm CET / 8-11am EST (times)
- Our Guests** (section header)
- Portraits of **Vidya Krishnan**, **Handaa Enkh-Amgalan**, and **Maria Smilios**.
- tbppm.org** (website)

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Three dynamic women authors *Vidya Krishnan*, *Handaa Enkh-Amgalan* and *Maria Smilios* joined forces in a vibrant Masterclass unveiling the untold stories of tuberculosis. During the 3 hour session, a small group of selected participants started off with an interactive exercise, followed by plenary learning and break-out groups learning about: a) the intersection of science communication and storytelling; b) learn how to amplify the voices of those affected by TB; c) and master techniques in writing that provoke thought and rouse one to action.

As illustrated with excellent (food) inspired examples and provocative articles, a good story can stir the soul, spur one to action, or simply inspire people to think. This Masterclass set out to “sharpen the pen” of the participants and delivered on powerful messages from each of the authors offering their unique perspectives.



About the Speakers

- Maria Smilios - Maria Smilios is an award-winning author of *The Black Angels: The Untold Story of the Nurses Who Helped Cure Tuberculosis*. Her work was recently recognized by the state and city of New York for “outstanding contributions” to the people of New York. She is working with TB Alliance and Fast Track the Cure and is an adjunct at Columbia University School of Public health where she teaches a class on storytelling & public health.
- Handaa Enkh Amgalan - Handaa Enkh-Amgalan, author of "Stigmatized" (2021) and TB advocate, addressed the 78th United Nations General Assembly urging world leaders to combat TB. Now, she serves on the World Health Organization's Civil Society Task Force on TB. Enkh Amgalan holds a Master's degree from New York University in public policy and is based in Berlin.
- Vidya Krishnan - Vidya Krishnan is an investigative journalist and was a Nieman Fellow at Harvard University in 2021. She writes for Caravan magazine, The New York Times and The Atlantic. Her first book *Phantom Plague* – about drug resistant Tuberculosis- was released in February 2021 and has received critical acclaim.













Discussed Readings:

Group 1: “Don’t Drink the water” – In 1991, the EPA learned that there were toxins in a mountain stream. But nobody told the family who owned the property, By [Kevin Maurer](#)

- <https://www.theatlantic.com/health/archive/2015/03/dont-drink-the-water/385837/>
Read it with an eye toward: Notice how the author folds in difficult scientific concepts and stats (about chemicals in the water) into a human narrative and how by doing so, it becomes accessible to a lay audience. *If you are really motivated, they can think about what techniques the author used so the piece has a universal appeal.*

Group 3: “He Was a Crook” - A scathing obituary of Richard Nixon, originally published in Rolling Stone on June 16, 1994, By Hunter S. Thompson

- <https://www.theatlantic.com/magazine/archive/1994/07/he-was-a-crook/308699/>
Read it with an eye toward: Notice how the author uses his anger and passion to write this obituary.

We set a maximum of 75 participants to allow for interaction in the Masterclass. If you are interested in [receiving the Recording](#) or registering on the [Waiting-list](#) for a next session, you can let us know by clicking the link.