



International Webinar on Long-Term Social Impacts of the Covid-19 Pandemic

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14:00 hrs to 19:00 hrs Sri Lanka Time
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Overview

Over the past two years, the Covid-19 pandemic not only resulted in thousands of deaths, debilitations, and economic and other losses across the world, but also left a deep and indelible mark on the human psyche and society. A Pew Research Centre survey conducted in 2020 indicated that 44% of people (in the US) felt that it has altered their lives and lifestyle in a significant way. The impact of the pandemic may affect people's hearts and minds and their very existence for many decades, in a very different post-Covid world.

In this context, we hope, through this webinar, to generate contributions and discussions that are evidence based and, at the same time, focus on long term social impacts (beyond the immediate recovery phase). Post-webinar dissemination will be via conference proceedings and YouTube videos. It is also hoped that a consensus document can be generated about how to address long-term impacts as an outcome of this webinar, based on the consensus reached thereat.

Themes

The following themes will be covered under the overall focus on Long-term Social Impacts of the Covid-19 Pandemic, with a plenary session per theme. These sessions will be started with a speech by the lead speaker for the theme.



Science and Health

Prof. Vivian Lin

Executive Associate Dean and Professor of Practice, LKS Faculty of Medicine, University of Hong Kong



Education

Dr. Upali Sedere

Secretary, State Ministry of Education Reforms, Open Universities & Distance Learning Promotion, Sri Lanka



Economics

Prof. H.P. Gunatilake

Former Director, Environment and Safeguards Division, Asian Development Bank, Philippines



Politics and Governance

Prof. Rahul Mukherji

Professor and Head of the Department of Political Science and Executive Director, South Asia Institute, Heidelberg University



Religion and Spirituality

Prof. Emma Tomalin

Professor of Religion and Public Life, School of Philosophy, Religion and History of Science, University of Leeds



Culture and Human Behaviour

Dr. Melvin Jabar

Director, Social Development Research Center, De La Salle University, Philippines

Keynote Speakers



The Covid decade

Prof. Dominic Abrams

Professor of Social Psychology and Director, Centre for the Study of Group Processes, School of Psychology, University of Kent



Global public health

Prof. Malik Peiris

Chair of Virology, School of Public Health, University of Hong Kong



Adaptable, responsive and equitable health systems

Prof. Dame Anne Mills

Deputy Director & Provost and Professor of Health Economics and Policy, London School of Health and Tropical Medicine



Social protection

Prof. Virendra Kumar Malhotra

Professor of Economics and Member Secretary, Indian Council of Social Science Research, New Delhi



Learning transformation for all post-COVID

Dr. Jim Ackers

Regional Education Adviser, UNICEF Regional Office for South Asia, Nepal

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