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WPRN launches its first international conference on Covid impacts

One year after the beginning of the pandemic, the World Pandemic Research Network will host the first international online conference on the **human, societal, economic impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic** which will take place fully remotely on 9-10 December 2021. Researchers and practitioners from all areas of expertise and backgrounds are invited to present ongoing projects, share and disseminate insights and results, and to make connections for future collaboration.

CALENDAR

June 11: Submission open

October 01: Submission deadline

December 9-10: WPRN21 Online Conference

TO PARTICIPATE

Register your project studying the impact of Covid-19 on the WPRN website, along with an abstract of no more than 2,000 characters and a 5-minute video presentation of your work.

Suggested topics include:

- >Economies in the Pandemic
- >Societies in the Pandemic
- >Life in the Pandemic
- >Research in the Pandemic
- >Other areas relating to the impact of the Pandemic

Attendance and participation in WPRN21 are entirely free and the conference is open and accessible to everyone.

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With over 1,000 registered research projects and initiatives, it seemed important to the World Pandemic Research Network team to **further encourage collective intelligence and foster interactivity** through a direct meeting.

During the December 9-10 WPRN conference, **presenters will discuss their research projects with the audience based on their video presentations in live Q&A sessions.** Some projects will also be given the opportunity to be highlighted in high-profile, moderated panel discussions in dedicated plenary time slots.

All research projects submitted to WPRN21 will be featured on the WPRN website, and all video presentations will be made available freely for anyone to browse. Authors will be given the option to publish research abstracts (WIP track) or full papers (Paper track) in official conference proceedings with an ISSN and full papers will undergo peer-review.

More information: wprn.org

What is WPRN?

At a time when the world is facing a major health challenge, the Natural and Life Sciences are mobilizing to find vaccines and remedies. At the same time, the Social Sciences and Humanities have moved to the forefront to help our societies face the lockdown and the wave of socio-economic crisis that follows. This mobilization, because it is unprecedented, needs new resources to coordinate, and new formats to build reflexivity to learn from our successes and our mistakes in view of the next crises. The World Pandemic Research Network (WPRN) contributes to meeting these needs through its platform wprn.org.

WPRN offers an infrastructure serving research communities based on both crowdsourcing and the mobilization of distributed referent expertise. It documents in real time what is being done in the world. It allows everyone to record their resources (research projects, calls for proposals, surveys, seminars, etc.), and to know who is doing what and where, and to get in touch with the relevant projects.

WPRN differs from other initiatives by the priority given to the human and social sciences, the robustness of its infrastructure anchored in the cloud and because it mobilizes an international and interdisciplinary network of «referents» who sort the projects, providing a first level of scientific edition. Partner institutions may mark projects with the «coat of arms» of their cognitive authority. WPRN allows the sharing of data, questionnaires, and hypotheses in real time while maintaining the intellectual property (authorship) system of tracking and accountability. WPRN creates the conditions for accelerating «good» research and the emergence of new collaborative research formats.

Who is behind WPRN?

Initiated by the Paris Institute for Advanced Study and the RFIEA Foundation, WPRN is a non-profit research organisation. It has already received support from the International Academic Union, which federates some 100 Academies in the humanities and social sciences in more than 60 countries, the European and global networks of Institutes of Advanced Studies NETIAS and UBIAS, the European Alliance for Social Sciences and Humanities (EASSH), the International Panel for Social Progress (IPSP) and the International Science Council (ISC).

WPRN also benefits from the generous support of the French ministry for Higher Education, Research and Innovation.

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