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Launching of wprn.org

The first global, real-time directory of research & research resources on the societal and human impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic.

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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, and without further delay, the Social Sciences and Humanities are moving to the forefront to help our societies face the wave of socio-economic crisis that will follow. **This mobilization, because it is unprecedented, needs new resources to coordinate, 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) through its platform wprn.org will contribute to meeting these needs.**

As the first real-time directory of research projects and research resources at the international level, **WPRN is an innovation serving the global community of researchers in the humanities and social sciences. It will allow everyone to register their resources (research projects, calls for proposals, surveys, seminars, etc.) but also to know who is doing what and where, and to contact the relevant officials.**

Automatically providing a time-stamped identification number (WPRN-ID) that makes it possible to cite work in progress, thus speeding up resource discovery and collaboration by several months compared to the classic system of journal publications, WPRN also allows the sharing of data, questionnaires and hypotheses in real time - while maintaining the system of authorship, tracking and accountability. **This process should allow for an acceleration of research and the emergence of new formats for cross-sectoral research.**

Initiated by the Institute for Advanced Study in Paris, with the support of the RFIEA foundation, WPRN builds on several international scientific networks (NETIAS, UBIAS, EASSH, UAI and IPSP) gathering over 150 academic/research organizations in more than 60 countries.

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