

Dear NERCCS 2020 Participants,

To simulate a typical conference style discussion with the participants, we created a piazza platform for the NERCCS 2020. With this discussion platform in hand, you can post questions, give your comments or suggestions, on various activities associated with the online version of NERCCS 2020. We encourage all the participants to try this discussion board and get as much as benefit possible.

**Instructions for signing up and posting:**

1. By clicking the link [piazza.com/buffalo/spring2020/nerccs2020](https://piazza.com/buffalo/spring2020/nerccs2020) you will be redirected to sign up page, where you will be asked to enter the access code and email id for login. Access code: NERCCS2020 and you can use any email address for your preference (not necessarily your school email id).
2. Your account will be ready to use after verifying the link sent by piazza and entering your name and other credentials.
3. In your homepage, click "Resources" and go to "Groups", in order to select which contributed talks section ([click here](#) for program details) you would be like to join. Then, go back to Q&A section to see the existing posts are to post something new.
4. To post a question or start a discussion, just click "New post", and you will be seeing multiple interactive options that will help you decided which set of audience are appropriate for the question. For instance

eg 1) if you want to raise a question regarding "zoom", you can select post type to be "Question", post to as "entire class"

eg 2) if you have question/comment regarding a talk in "socioeconomic systems", you can select post to as "class group" and choose "socioeconomic systems". This ensures that your post is visible to only people enrolled (using step3 in piazza) to "socioeconomic systems".

Useful Conference links:

Schedule: [https://nerccs2020.github.io/NERCCS2020\\_Schedule2.pdf](https://nerccs2020.github.io/NERCCS2020_Schedule2.pdf)

Abstracts of invited/keynote: [https://nerccs2020.github.io/NERCCS2020\\_Abstracts.pdf](https://nerccs2020.github.io/NERCCS2020_Abstracts.pdf)

The management team will be closely watching the posts to ensure that participants would get required assistance during the conference.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding. Stay safe and healthy.

Best,  
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