Transnational and Transdisciplinary Lessons from the Covid-19 Pandemic

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20-21 May 2021

Venue: Lam Woo International Conference Centre, Shaw Campus
The Conference Programme

Day One
Thursday, 20th May 2021

08.30 – 09.30 Arrivals and registration

09.30 – 09.40 Welcome from the Dean of Social Sciences, Professor Daniel Lai, Hong Kong Baptist University

09.40-10.00 Interdisciplinary COVID 19 Research at HKBU, Professor Guo Yike, Vice President for Research and Development, Hong Kong Baptist University

10.00 –12.00 First Session: The ‘Covistress’ Project: Global Perspectives and Implications

Chair: Professor Alistair Cole, HKBU, GIS

Speakers:

‘Immune function and Covid 19: Physiological, psychological and psychophysiological implications ’ Prof Julien S. Baker, HKBU, SPEH

‘Chinese Medicine Wisdom on COVID-19: from prevention to rehabilitation? Dr Linda Zhong, School of Chinese Medicine, HKBU

‘A clinical study protocol for COVID-19 rehabilitation with tele-exercise and herbal medicine’ Dr Yang Gao HKBU, SPEH

‘The ‘Covistress’ Project: Global Perspectives and Implications’ Prof Frederic Dutheil: Head of Occupational and Environmental Medicine, University Hospital of Clermont-Ferrand, France (by Zoom)

12.00 – 1.30 pm: Lunch

1.30 – 3.30 pm Civil Society and Governance: Comparative Perspectives on Covid-19 Process

Chair: Professor Mette Hjort, Dean of the Faculty of Arts, HKBU

Speakers:
‘Trust, Transparency and Welfare: Third Sector Adult Social Care Delivery and the Pandemic in the UK’ Prof Paul Chaney, Cardiff University, UK (By zoom)

‘Trust, Transparency and Transdisciplinarity: lessons from Covid 19’ Prof Alistair Cole and Dr Dionysios Stivas, HKBU

‘Trans-European Findings on trust and the Covid 19 crisis’ Prof Bruno Cautres, CEVIPOF, Sciences Po France (By Zoom)

‘The Impact of Covid-19 on Electoral Democracies: A Global Comparison and Lessons Learnt’ Dr Kenneth Chan, HKBU

3.30- 4.00 pm: Break

4.00 – 6.00 pm: Third Session: The Economic and Financial Consequences of the Covid-19 Crisis

Chair: Professor Ed Snape, Dean of Business School, HKBU

Speakers:

‘Trust and Debt: The Economic and Financial Consequences of the Covid-19 Crisis’ Alicia Garcia Herrero, Senior Research Fellow at Bruegel, Adjunct Prof at HKUST

‘The Duty of leaders: Leadership effects on the control of epidemic’. Prof Huang Xu, HKBU Business School.

‘Covid 19: a global debt crisis? Prof Paola Subacchi, Bologna University, Italy and Queen Mary’s London, UK (by Zoom)

‘Covid 19: experiences from South-East Asia Dr Angela Tritto, Institute of Emerging Market Studies, HKUST.

6:30 pm: Dinner for speakers at Bistro Bon
Day Two
Friday, 21st May 2021

09:00-09.15 Welcome
09:15 am – 10.00 pm Keynote speech:

‘Covid 19 and top athletic performance’, Dr Huw Wiltshire, SFHEA, Former National Performance Director with Welsh and Russian Rugby Unions

10.00-12.00 pm Parallel session (1) Governance and Societies in the Pandemic: A Global Perspective

Chair: Professor Mark Thompson, City University of Hong Kong

Speakers:

‘The COVID-19 Crisis and China’s Changing International Role’, Prof Jean-Pierre Cabestan, HKBU, GIS

‘Mapping China’s Influence in Multilateral Institutions’, Dr Courtney Fung and Mr Shing-Hon Lam, HKU

‘Comparative perspectives of China’s health diplomacy in Europe, the Middle East and North Africa’, Dr Emilie Tran, HKBU, GIS.

10.00-12.00 Parallel session (2) Environmental Health and Covid 19 (1)

Chair: Professor R. Bernhart Owen (HKBU, Lewi)

Speakers:

‘Reducing vulnerability to pandemics in the Indo-Pacific region: development of the Covid-19 water security risk index’ Associate Prof Anne Roiko and Dr Lachlan Guthrie, Griffith University.

‘Transdisciplinary approaches to preventing the health burden of COVID-19 in the workplace’ Prof Malcolm Sim, Monash University

‘How the environmental health sector responded to the pandemic - perspectives from Queensland’, Adjunct Prof Sophie Dwyer, University of Queensland

‘Collaboration on Sewage Surveillance of SARS-CoV-2’ Dr Dan Deere, Water Research Australia ColoSsoS Project
12.00 – 1:30 pm: Lunch Break

1.30–3.30pm Parallel session (3): Environmental Health and Covid 19 (2)
Chair: Dr Tek Sheng Kevin Lo, HKBU

Speakers:

‘Distinct regimes of ozone response to COVID-19 lockdown in China’ Dr Gao Meng, Hong Kong Baptist University

‘Environmental health research and the COVID-19 pandemic: A turning point towards sustainability’ Dr Yang Xi, Hong Kong Baptist University

‘An analysis of the media’s reports on face masks during the COVID-19 pandemic in South Korea: a study using Big Data latent dirichlet allocation (LDA) topic modelling’ Dr Peter Koh, University of Hong Kong

‘Coping with COVID-19 in rural China: Lockdown experiences in Henan and Hubei villages’ Dr Monica Tan, University of Melbourne

1.30-3.30pm Parallel session (4): Trust and Transparency in the Pandemic: A Comparative Perspective
Chair: Professor Roger Scully, HKBU

Speakers:

‘The European Union’s response to the Covid 19 pandemic’ Mr Thomas Gnocchi, Head of the European Union office of Hong Kong and Macao

‘Viral Accountability: Controlling local officials during the COVID crisis. Prof Pierre Landry, Chinese University of Hong Kong

‘International health law, an efficient tool to fight against the COVID-19 pandemic? Prof Laurent Sermet, Sciences Po Aix, Aix-en-Provence, France (by Zoom)

‘Trust in Covid 19 vaccines: survey findings from Hong Kong’ Dr Samson Yuen, HKBU, GIS

3.30 – 4.00 pm: Break
4-4.30 pm: Announcing the results of the Poster Competition

The panel to judge the posters will be chaired by Dr Li-Wei Yang, of HKBU’s Institute of Creativity and drawn from amongst the conference participants.

4:30-6.00 pm: Roundtable: The World after Covid 19

Chair: Professor Cherian George, Associate Dean, School of Media and Communication, HKBU

Speakers to include Professor Julien Baker, Professor Alistair Cole, Prof Huang Xu, , Dr Emilie Tran, Dr Gemma Gao, Dr Samson Yuen

7.00 pm: Conference reception (sponsored by the European Commission Office of Hong Kong and Macau. The holding of this event will depend upon the prevailing health situation)