



# 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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