



International Virtual Symposium IV

followed by Call for Papers for an Edited Book on

Pandemics, Climate Change and Growing Inequality - Emerging Paradigm Shift in Helping Professions

Our International / National Virtual Symposium Series 2020-2021

As global responsible citizens, we seek to delve deep into the challenges and concerns that helping professions face during COVID-19 trying times. A three-stage project is envisioned with series of International and National Virtual Symposiums followed by an International book publication and Joint research projects and collaborations. This International Virtual Symposium (IVS-IV) is the fourth edition of the following symposiums held earlier this year in which several eminent global speakers delivered their keynote address enriching hundreds of scholars, faculties and practitioners worldwide.

International Virtual Symposium (IVS-I) held on 28th Aug 2020, on Pandemics, Climate Change and Growing Inequality: Emerging Paradigm Shift in Helping Professions.

For IVS - I Click: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xu_U6c0Gfs4&t=11420s

IVS-I Report available at SSRN Click: <https://ssrn.com/abstract=3694271>

The National Virtual Symposium II (NVS-II) held on 12th Sept 2020, on Informality, New Forms of Work, Labour Concerns of the Pandemic: Evolving Strategies for Helping Professions.

For NVS - II Click: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QMtHKMUc7lc>

The National Virtual Symposium III (NVS-III) held on 10th Oct 2020, on Society, Economy and Development during the COVID-19 Pandemic: Lessons from Emerging Economies.

For NVS - III Click: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u2i-Oe7iYVQ>

International Virtual Symposium- IV: 28 October 2020 at 18.00 Hrs (IST) via Zoom

Book Proposal: Paper Abstract Submission by 15th Nov 2020

Joint Research Projects: EOI, 10 Dec 2020

IVS IV - Symposium Registration Link : <https://forms.gle/WfVmqHKufVciiNL46>

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The Context

The COVID-19 pandemic that has affected the world since December 2019 is the biggest challenge today, especially, in the areas of health and well-being. Many International bodies like the International Labour Organization, World Bank, and United Nations Development Programme have predicted a slowdown in growth of economies across countries, along with rise of unemployment, loss of income, increased problems of migrants, children and the elderly. The United Nations and United Nations Women have reported that lockdown, quarantine and job loss during this pandemic have led to an increase in gender inequality. This pandemic also exposes the health inequities and structural weakness of health systems of different countries. Along with these, various reports about climate change have also linked pandemics with zoonotic diseases. COVID-19 is considered one such zoonotic disease and more such diseases are predicted in the future. It has also been noticed that the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) funding and funding aids from International bodies have drastically reduced due to the pandemic, as well as a constraint is found in direct aid and field-based activities. This will either slow down or bring to a standstill development activities, social work and public health related projects that address inequality. Such scenarios call for a reorientation of helping professions, including Social Work and Public Health. Such a reorientation and paradigm shift will be necessary to address inequality and livelihood issues in the post COVID 19 era.

The Projects

The proposed projects/ initiatives are a few proactive intellectual responses addressing issues in the context mentioned above. The international virtual symposium aims to expose the problems, explore the responses, and endeavor to identify new emerging paradigms. The Book project is a continuation of this symposium and it invites the intellectual community (both academic/ practitioners) to reflect upon the reality, consider impacts and come up with innovative solutions. This will eventually lead to further research collaborations and create joint researches with trans or inter-disciplinary approaches.

The Objectives

The International symposium and the book project have the following objectives:

- ž To explore the impact of pandemics, climate change and growing inequality on social development, human happiness, wellbeing of the society.
- ž To understand the impact of these on helping professionals, their families and others in the community and to explore the various challenges and responses of helping professions.
- ž To understand the inter-links between health, economy and society and to assess the impact on these caused by the pandemic, especially on health and development.

- ž To compile possible and easily workable strategies for resolving the various issues caused by pandemics, climate change and growing inequality.
- ž To understand the role of multi-stakeholders in times of crisis.
- ž To provide massive intervention guidelines and long-term strategies for human happiness, well-being, social and economic recovery

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Call for Papers: Book Project

This Call for paper is for the proposed book on **PANDEMICS, CLIMATE CHANGE AND GROWING INEQUALITY: EMERGING PARADIGM SHIFT IN HELPING PROFESSIONS**. There will be a two-step process in publishing this book. After an initial abstract selection, there will be an e-symposium only of the selected abstracts, and after this the completed papers will be peer reviewed by scientific committee members and published as an edited volume with an international reputed book publisher.

The Broad Themes

The Broad themes of this book project are: Pandemics, Climate Change and Growing Inequality

Sub-themes of this book project are given below, and they are non-exclusive

- ž Health dimensions Institutional and emergency responses
- ž Information, Education and Communication
- ž Multi-stakeholder's responses
- ž Public private partnerships
- ž Evidence based policies beyond the crisis,
- ž Innovation in response to the crisis
- ž Food security,
- ž Human mobility,
- ž Governance,
- ž Technology,
- ž Civil society and citizen's response
- ž Financing, resource management
- ž Inter and transdisciplinary research
- ž Educational dimensions
- ž Gender dimensions
- ž Psychological dimensions
- ž Economic dimensions
- ž Political/policy impacts
- ž Environmental issues
- ž Migrants and urbanization
- ž Persons with special needs
- ž Children issues,
- ž Elderly issues
- ž Disaster and Crisis management,
- ž Long term strategies
- ž Transformative climate, sustainability action

Full Length Paper Submission

Final and completed papers may be submitted after the abstracts have been accepted by the editors. A few guidelines are in place at the time of submission:

- ž The paper should be written in English (UK) and should not exceed 6000 words.
- ž It should be original, unpublished, and should not have been copyrighted. It should not have been presented or accepted for presentation at professional meetings and should not be currently under review for presentation at other professional meetings. A declaration to this effect must accompany the final paper, which must include ethical responsibilities and Standards as well.
- ž The manuscript should include a separate page containing the following in the order mentioned: title, authors, affiliation, abstract, keywords, main text, acknowledgements, appendix and references.

- ž The title page should be concise and informative and should include: the name(s) of the author(s), institutional affiliation(s), addresses of the author(s), E-mail, contact address, and telephone number(s) of the corresponding author.
- ž Authors are requested to submit a Camera-ready paper following the prescribed guidelines (see below).
- ž Authors should take responsibility of Content-Editing, Grammar-check, Proof-reading, formatting etc.
- ž The completed paper may be submitted in Microsoft Word (doc format only) on or before **15 January 2021** via email to panneersigamani@gmail.com
- ž The manuscript preparation should be adhered to while preparing the final paper:
 - Papers must be typed in Microsoft Word with doc format ONLY.
 - Text Format: Normal plain font (e.g., 12-point Times Roman), 1.5 spaced (single-spaced for indented material, notes and references). Margins must be of 1 inch on all sides. A4 size
 - Heading format: All headings including title should be 12 in Times New Roman.
 - Use italics for emphasis.
 - All photographs, charts and diagrams are to be referred to as “Figures” and should be numbered consecutively in the order to which they are referred in the text.
 - List of references must be arranged in alphabetical order. (As per APA format- version 7: <https://apastyle.apa.org/style-grammar-guidelines/paper-format>)
 - Use automatic page numbering function to number the pages.
 - Use tab stops or other commands for indents, not the space bar.
 - Use the table function, not spreadsheets, to make tables. .3
- ž Manuscript Preparation Instructions for Camera Ready Manuscripts (LaTeX):
<https://tandfbis.s3-us-west-2.amazonaws.com/rfiles/AUTHOR/T%26F+Text+Preparation+Instructions+Camera+Ready+v1+1.pdf>
- ž Preparing Your Manuscript-
<https://s3-us-west-2.amazonaws.com/tandfbis/rt-files/docs/Common+Problems.pdf>

Important Dates

28 Oct 2020	International e-symposium/ background paper presentation
15 Nov 2020	Last date for receiving abstracts and authors short biography
20 Nov 2020	Intimation of acceptance of abstract
15 Jan 2021	Last date for submission of full-length Paper

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Joint Research Projects

- ✂ Expression of interest (EOI) for Joint Research projects are welcome after the International Virtual Symposium on 28 Oct 2020. Welcoming new vistas of exploration, especially with regard to **Pandemics, climate change and growing inequality**, the joint research projects could be multi/trans disciplinary, aimed either at short term or long-term projects.
- ✂ Submission of actual proposals will be announced in due time after the expression of interest.
- ✂ Individuals or institutions willing to collaborate with the organizers can send in their queries on or before **10 Dec 2020 to panneersigamani@gmail.com**

The Expected Outcome

- ✂ The expected outcome of all these above three exercises will be:
- ✂ A deeper understanding of the reality of Pandemics, climate change and growing inequality crisis
- ✂ A better comprehension into the causes and consequences of the pandemics and its recovery, mitigation, response and preparation.
- ✂ A revisit of existing datasets and a redefinition of relevant methodologies
- ✂ An exploration of facilitating better access to online resources and exploring culturally relevant approach to the issues studied thus so far.
- ✂ A reassessment of the quality of our current responses, works, etc. and a better collaboration with the multi-stakeholders.
- ✂ A strengthening of community-based crisis risk management strategies, and a better understanding of connecting the dots.

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