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**DECEMBER 2021** 

# FOCUS- SOCIETY IN TRANSITION: IMPACTS OF THE PANDEMIC

Exactly two years since the COVID-19 outbreak, Coronavirus is still proving to be one of the greatest challenges that the modern world has ever faced. Its impact has been felt on all areas of life – personal and professional, social and political, economic and academic. Here are perspectives from India and Germany to understand several aspects that have influenced the society.

#### **SPOTLIGHT**



# Social Science Research on the Pandemic in India and Germany: An Overview

The COVID-19 pandemic has unleashed a global health emergency, which has led to a crisis of historic magnitude. Examining how the situations in India and Germany unfolded at the time of adversity, we discuss the social and economic impacts of the virus on the lives of people.

### COVID-19 and Public Health in India

India, like the rest of world, has been battling with the virus right from the onset of the pandemic. With strict guidelines issued by the government at the time of emergency, how did the indian healthcare system fare in the last months? What were the economic costs of long lockdowns during this period? Here's what experts have to say.

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### Civil Society in the Corona Crisis in Germany

Destruction caused by the pandemic has increased the strain on healthcare systems and raised awareness for a need of solidarity within the communities. On the other hand, we notice divisions in the society concerning the denial of a crisis. This discrepancy raises the need to evaluate the implications for social cohession and polarisation in Germany.

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### Symposium – Society in Transition: Impacts of the Pandemic

Take a look at the symposium where we discussed the responses of societies to the pandemic. The event discussed themes such as the Politics of (Mis)information, Future of work and learning and National responses to the pandemic.

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#### THE LATEST NEWS

## IGSTC: Call for Indo-German Bilateral Virtual Workshops

The Indo-German Science & Technology Centre (IGSTC) invites proposals for organising Indo-German virtual workshops on areas of mutual interest with an aim towards creating platforms for substantive interactions between scientists/researchers from academia and industry.

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# IGSTC: Women Involvement in Science and Engineering Research (WISER)

Through this scheme, women researchers/entrepreneurs holding a regular position in academic/research institutions/industrial research organisations in India/Germany may apply to be a part of an ongoing R&D project of interest with acceptance from the host team.

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#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**



### **Equity and Pandemics**

With increased challenges due to health emergencies, the gaps in health care for underserved and vulnerable populations have been exposed. We bring together experts from public health and policy for a discussion on 24 January 2022. Register Now!

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### Indo-German Research Day

Engage in discussions on:

- Gender Equality in Research
- Fund your Research in Germany
- Science Communication
- Open Access

The event will present opportunities to connect with 25 research Institutions, funding bodies and government agencies- 24 February 2022. Stay tuned!

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# DAAD's Postdoctoral Networking Tour in Artificial Intelligence

Are you a researcher looking to give your research career in AI a boost? Collaborate with leading researchers in AI and Robotics from Germany by applying for DAAD's Postdoc-NeT-AI 3/2022.

Deadline: 11 January 2022

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# Call for Applications at Alexander von Humboldt Foundation (AvH)

#### Apply for:

- Fellowship in multisensory processing and/or age dependent learning plasticity
- Postdoc position in experimental research in neuroplasticity in humans for a joined research project

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### Postdoctoral Program at the Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies (MPIfG)

Apply to the Postdoc Pragram for social sciences in:

- Political Economy
- Economic Sociology

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