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Presents



**International Conference
on**

**SOCIAL AND REGIONAL
RESILIENCE:
LOOKING THROUGH
THE PANDEMIC LENS**

Venue: TISS Campus, Mumbai

**14 – 16
DECEMBER
2022**

CONCEPT NOTE

Human history has been punctuated by pandemics. From the 'Plague of Justinian' in 415-549, the 'black death' in 1346-1353, to the 'Spanish flu' in 1918-1920, pandemics have had devastating consequences for health, travel, and economy, for societies. The scourge of COVID-19, which arose from China in the last quarter of 2019, has emerged as one of the major pandemics of the 21st century affecting approximately 595 million persons till August 2022 and causing death of about 6.5 million individuals across countries of the world. The exact estimates of the human toll of the pandemic are yet to be determined. The contagion has had deep regional socio-economic and health impacts, devastating the economic and social life of several countries. Covid-19 put the brakes on the rapid globalization of the world, impacting physical and social interactions between people and countries.

The report of the United Nations World Economic Situation and Prospects (WESP) mid-2020 estimated that the world economy may lose \$8.5 trillion over the next two years, due to the pandemic. The IMF's World Economic Outlook, July 2022 Update indicates a sharp contraction of the GDP of several countries in 2020, with mild recoveries in 2021, while predictions for 2022 remain somewhat gloomy. The GDP in India shrank 7.3% in 2020-21, and millions became unemployed due to the extended lockdowns. The closure of industries, especially micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs) pushed a large proportion of the population into poverty. The impact was more severe in the underdeveloped and rural regions of the country. Vulnerable sections of the population - the elderly, the disabled, the young, the unemployed, the marginalized, bore the brunt of the economic slowdown.

For many, the COVID-19 pandemic resulted in a breakdown of health at a personal and a familial level. There were the cascading effects of increased medical expenses, death of earning members, inability to earn, restrictions on travel, confinements at home, etc. The mental health impacts of the pandemic have been many. There has been anxiety, depression, increased substance use, increased violence against women, children and the marginalized, breakdown of families, etc.

The socio-economic and health impacts of the COVID-19 varies across space, social class, age and gender. Studies have reported that age, gender, and nutritional levels determined the health consequences and the infectivity rates of the virus. Studies have shown that the outcomes have varied according to the levels of urbanization, travel/migration, environmental pollution, economic development, etc.

Individuals, families, communities, and groups in different regions have coped with the COVID-19 in their own ways. There have been silver linings seen in stories of resilience and coping of individuals and communities. Competencies and capabilities have influenced the interventions at individual, community, civil society, and government levels reflected in the adaptations, resilience and coping methods.

SUB-THEMES

The 53rd Annual International Conference of RSA focuses on the impacts of COVID-19 on individuals, communities, societies embedded in different regions and spaces. The subtopics of the conference include, but are not limited to, the following:

- The social and economic impacts: economy, enterprises and labour, mobility, tourism, education.
- Impacts on health and leisure: Individual, communities, spaces, and mental health.
- Digitalization, digital traps, and resilience.
- Corona-metrics and forecasting.
- Social, economic and individual characteristics of resilient communities and regions.
- Approaches towards building resilient communities in urban, rural, regional, or local subsystems.
- Interaction among government, corporate, non-profit, local government, and individuals to address common needs and social sustainability.
- Case studies of individuals and communities who absorbed and recovered from the impact of the pandemic.

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Keywords: Three to five keywords. (Times New Roman 12pt)

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Entries for the Best Paper Award should be marked "SUBMISSION FOR COMPETITION" and must be a single author paper.

IMPORTANT DATES

Last Date for Abstract Submission	: 30 th October, 2022
Intimation about Abstract Acceptance	: 15 th November, 2022
Registration Deadline	: 30 th November, 2022
Full Paper Submission	: 10 th December, 2022

REGISTRATION PROCEDURE

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