

COVID-19 and Human Health Behavior: Impacts and Trends

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The COVID-19 pandemic has made people behave differently. Suddenly, it was necessary to adhere to special distance and hygiene rules, to wear mouth-and-nose protection and to deal with insecurity, limited freedom of movement, and further restrictions and challenges in daily life. More than one year after the outbreak, the German National Academy of Sciences Leopoldina and the Brazilian Academy of Sciences organize this virtual panel to scientifically discuss how health-related human behavior has changed during the pandemic, which behavior will outlast this period, and to what extent health-related behavior might change after governmental restrictions have ended. This takes place with consideration of efforts by public and private actors to guide human behavior. The invited speakers are from Brazil, Germany, Uruguay, and the United States, and they will discuss this topic in an interdisciplinary manner. Represented disciplines are the following: cognitive science, health sciences, social sciences, and economics.

Speakers' profiles



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Margareth Dalcolmo graduated in Medicine at the School of Medicine of the Santa Casa de Misericórdia (Emescam, 1979), with a residency in Internal Medicine at the Rafael de Paula Souza Hospital (1981) and a specialization in Tuberculosis at the Oswaldo Cruz Foundation (Fiocruz, 1982). She obtained her PhD from the Escola Paulista de Medicina, Federal University of São Paulo (2000). She is a clinical researcher, respiratory physician, and professor. As a senior physician and consultant, her role is basically to assist patients, teach and conduct clinical trials in humans. Her position at the Professor Hélio Fraga Reference Center (Fiocruz) provides her with the conditions to recruit and include patients in clinical trials. She has been participating in international clinical trials with recruitment of active tuberculosis (mainly MDR) patients (like TBTC – CDC tuberculosis Consortium) and Janssen phase II TB trial using Bedaquiline. Currently, she is conducting phase III Global TB Alliance for Tuberculosis, SIMPLIC TB; and BRACE Trial for BCG vaccine to COVID-19 in HCW.



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Fernando Filgueira is the Head of Office of the Uruguay Country Office of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), a position he also took from October 2010 to April 2013. Since then, he has supported and advised LACRO and other UNFPA country offices in the Latin-American and the Caribbean region. He has also worked on Social Protection, Gender Equality and Population studies for different UN Agencies at the country, regional and global level and has advised governments in the region on these areas.

He is also a professor of the Social Science Faculty at the Universidad de la República in Uruguay and acted as senior researcher at CIPPEC (Argentina) and CIESU (Uruguay). He was Coordinator of the Program on Poverty and Social Exclusion at the Universidad Católica (Uruguay), Director of Policy Evaluation at the Office of Planning and Budget of the Presidency in Uruguay, Social Affairs Officer at ECLAC (Chile) and Vice-Minister of Education in Uruguay. He is also the co-editor of the Oxford Series for Latin America on Social Policy and Public Administration. He received his Ph.D. in sociology from Northwestern University and has written and published extensively on models of socioeconomic development, welfare regimes and social policy in Latin America.



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