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Tata Institute of Social Sciences,
Mumbai

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Regional Science Policy and Practice
Presents



International Conference
on
**SOCIAL AND REGIONAL
RESILIENCE:
LOOKING THROUGH
THE PANDEMIC LENS**

Venue: TISS Campus, Mumbai

2nd Circular

**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 'social and regional resilience: looking through the pandemic lens'. 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.

SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACT

We invite concise and factual abstracts of 500 words highlighting the research problem, data, methods and major findings. Uncommon abbreviations should be avoided. References should be commonly avoided in the abstract. Kindly follow the following format for preparing the abstract. Submit abstract at: rsai.conference@gmail.com

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Abstract should be written using the Times New Roman 12pt normal font. *Italics* may be used for emphasising. Do not use **bold** or underline for highlighting any text within the abstract. Each abstract must be accompanied by three to five key words. 1.5 line spacing must be used for writing the entire abstract. Abstract not written in prescribed format and maintaining the word limit will be rejected. (Times New Roman 12pt)

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

BEST PAPER AWARD

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 : **20th November, 2022**

Intimation about Abstract Acceptance : **25th November, 2022**

Registration Deadline : **30th November, 2022**

Full Paper Submission : **10th December, 2022**

REGISTRATION PROCEDURE

To register for the conference and submit the abstract for presentation kindly fill-up the form given below:

<https://forms.gle/xrSj3xwaCSf3xfGm6>

Send abstract and scanned proof of payment to the Conference email id:

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Members of RSA India and RSAI	: INR 2500 /-
PG Students	: INR 1000 /-
Non-members (India)	: INR 3000 /-
Non-members (SAARC)	: INR 4000 /-
Non-member (Non-SAARC countries)	: € 80.00 /-
For Online Presentation	: INR 1000 /-

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Registration fees will cover abstract volume, registration kit, working lunch and tea and e-certificates of participation/ presentation.

TISS has arranged for few hostel rooms on sharing basis INR 350 per day as per rooms available due to students break. The rooms are available until 16th noon (December, 2022). Please mention your requirement when submitting your forms and registration fee receipts.

Registration Fees to be Sent by Bank Transfer Only

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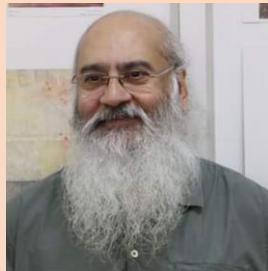
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Day 1 will have some interactive sessions with Experts on publishing and Emerging research methods in Regional Science. All delegates are welcome to attend these sessions. No separate registration fee is required to participate in these sessions.