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Pandemic (Im)Possibilities

The Coronavirus pandemic is changing social life across the world at a very rapid rate. Everyday habits and practices that up until now have been taken for granted are either being altered in multiple ways or halted altogether. Governments are imposing ever stricter conditions upon the behaviours of those within their territories.

But at the same time, new modes of sociality are being created in and through the new social situations constantly coming into existence. People are responding in multiple ways - involving both panic and despair, as well as hopefully, creatively and ingeniously - to life in the time of pandemic. As some previous possibilities are closed down, new ones may now be opening up, perhaps with far-reaching but unpredictable effects.

This special issue of The European Sociologist seeks to attract from ESA members short articles and other sorts of texts, reflecting on what the pandemic means (to them, or to society at large), how it is unfolding, and what social consequences it is having already, or is likely to have in the future. We welcome submissions from all countries, both those suffering the effects of the pandemic acutely, and those which have so far been less affected.

Clearly some fields of sociology and some cross-disciplinary constellations are already very well set up to understand and comment upon what is unfolding across Europe and the wider world at the present time. But every sociologist, regardless of their specific areas of expertise, has something valuable to contribute to the analysis of the pandemic and its societal effects and consequences. We want to hear the voices of sociologists from any and every field of the discipline, and from those whose work is inter- and trans-disciplinary too. We encourage both more junior and more senior scholars to contribute. The more the diversity of the voices being heard on these matters, the better.

Many, if not most, sociologists will be working from home currently, alongside carrying out familial and other responsibilities. The new working conditions may provide an opportunity to do some writing that one might not otherwise have done. We welcome more formal and scholarly types of writing, as well as informal reflections of a more personal (but still “sociological”) nature.

Be as creative as you like. The texts we seek can be of a simple kind - simply short pieces of writing. But they could be illustrated in all sorts of ways - by your own photos, videos, drawings and so on. And you can experiment with textual form too, for example writing diary entries, poetry, dialogues, or whatever. Let your (sociological) imagination fly!

We aim for this special issue eventually to be a valuable historical document. It will illustrate how, in early to mid-2020, the trans-national sociological community responded both analytically and imaginatively to the crisis which unfolded around them, and how it felt to be a sociologist in what are, in some ways, unprecedented social contexts.

Deadline: Tue, 14 April 2020 | Submit to editor@europeansociologist.org | [Guidelines](#)