

**International
Webinar
on

Pandemic
and Social Work
Profession**

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CONCEPT NOTE

The pandemic caused by the novel corona virus has triggered a global crisis that dramatically changed the way we live. The wide and rapid spread of the virus has a profound and pervasive impact on almost every aspect of our existence. Apart from taking heavy toll on human life, it has pushed the global economy into the recession. The measures like lock-down and social-distancing created severe crisis of livelihood, especially for the people at the margin. The impacts of the pandemic were not limited only to the material world or physical well-being, it also disrupted our mental universe. The life of loneliness and self-isolation imposed by the pandemic makes us pay as much attention to mental health as to physical health.

The unmitigated misery brought about by the virus demands a unified collective effort to tide over it. For social work profession the pandemic posed new kind of challenges and newer ways of engagements. From financial insecurity to dwindling economic opportunities to mental anxiety—the pandemic opened various avenues of intervention. Therefore, being the practice-based profession, it has a crucial role to play especially at the moment of crisis. However, the profession also felt the impact of the pandemic. Social work education and its various components are severely constrained by the pandemic. Working in the field, for students and researchers as well as social work professionals, at the time of lockdown and social-distancing, became a difficult task. Similarly, employment opportunities for professional social workers, particularly in the non-government sector, shrank drastically as various organizations stare at uncertain future amid crunch of funding.

Against this backdrop of a global crisis, this webinar aims to explore all the concerns and challenges emanating from the outbreak of the pandemic. The webinar especially focuses on how social work profession intervenes in the crisis caused by COVID-19 and the challenges the social work practitioners face in course of their interventions among various sections of population directly or indirectly affected by the pandemic. It also becomes imperative to explore how the profession as well as its pedagogy evolves in response to this extra-ordinary situation we are confronted with.

Call for Papers

Papers are invited on the following themes from academicians, scholars, health practitioners, social activists, social work professionals and students. Participants from diverse disciplines and backgrounds will be encouraged. Themes are indicative not exhaustive. **Selected papers presented in the webinar will be published as an e-book by Bankura University.**

Themes

1. Social work intervention during pandemic

- Social work practice and ethical dilemmas
- Interface between social work profession and support systems
- Crisis intervention and professional innovation

2. Mental Health and well-being

- Stress, stigma and well-being
- Loneliness and lockdown
- Psychological impact of COVID-19

3. Women and pandemic

- Impact of COVID-19 on women
- Women's role in fighting COVID-19
- Pandemic and motherhood

4. Pedagogy and profession

- Technology driven teaching-learning process
- Challenges and opportunities for Social Work profession
- E-learning: Exploring the new vistas

GUIDELINES FOR ABSTRACT

1. Please email your abstract (300 words) along with a short bio.
2. The abstract should include the title of the paper, five keywords, author's name, designation, institutional affiliation, mailing address, contact number.
3. It should be typed in Times New Roman, font size 12 with 1.5 line spacing.
4. The abstract shall be sent to conference.bkusw@gmail.com with the subject line of "International Webinar on Pandemic and Social Work Profession."
5. All submissions should be sent in .doc/.docx format only.

GUIDELINES FOR FULL PAPER

1. The length of the full paper including tables, diagrams, illustrations, references, etc. should be between 3000-5000 words.
2. It should be typed in Times New Roman, font size 12 with 1.5 line spacing.
3. APA 7th style-sheet should be followed for preparing the paper.
4. Full paper should be submitted in soft-copy and sent to conference.bkusw@gmail.com
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IMPORTANT DATES

Last Date for submission of Abstract: 20th August, 2020

Intimation of acceptance: 23rd August, 2020

Last Date of Registration: 25th August, 2020

Full-paper submission deadline: 25th August, 2020

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