

Call for Application

The 14th Next-Generation Global Workshop New Normal Lifestyles during/post-COVID-19: from Crisis to Opportunity

Date: 25 -26 September 2021

Venue: The Workshop will be held online

I . The Next-Generation Global Workshop

The Next-Generation Global Workshop (NGGW) has been held annually since 2008 to provide an opportunity for early-career scholars to present their research in English and to obtain feedback from an international audience. It has proved to be a pleasant and effective way for capacity building through the mentorship provided by the professors of participating universities around the world. It has also served as an invaluable opportunity for participants to learn from one another and deepen their understanding of various social phenomena in the world, particularly in Asia. Ultimately, the NGGW has acted as a forum for scholars of different generations and from various regions to build a common academic foundation by redefining Asia in a global context.

II. Workshop Theme: New Normal Lifestyles during/post-COVID-19: from Crisis to Opportunity

The total number of COVID-19 infected cases worldwide has exceeded 100 million and the death toll surpassed 3 million by April 2021. Moreover, the number of new deaths still hovered between 10,000 to 20,000 per day in the first quarter of 2021. Although vaccinations have begun in some parts of the world, it is still far away from saying that new infections are under control worldwide. As the pandemic has caused serious public health risks, racial discrimination, global economic crisis, rising unemployment and widening socioeconomic disparities, people are compelled to reexamine the social structures, norms and lifestyles built before the pandemic. While there are various negative impacts on different sectors of the society, COVID-19 has also provided an opportunity to construct a new social system and move towards new production/consumption patterns and lifestyles. An often-heard example is the use of digitalization and online technology to greatly expand telecommuting and this contributes to better efficiency in a way that work is not bound by time or space. It is also reported that more people have turned towards active mobility such as biking and hiking, and healthier lifestyle choices with a greater interest in community activities. These prompted an improvement in hygiene infrastructure and behavior.

Overall, although we cannot overlook the negative impacts of COVID-19 to the society and to vulnerable marginal groups in particular, the new normal can shed a new light in some respects. This calls for responding the emerging social demands from an interdisciplinary perspective and overcoming the academic boundaries to better understand what changes can be brought about. In this workshop, we call for applications on these prospects of a new normal from a wide range of perspectives, including but not limited to the following areas. **(Topics are not required to be related to COVID-19. In that case, relevant sessions will be assigned.)**

Intimate sphere and lifestyle

Change in gender roles and reproductive division of labor, stay-at-home and time-space use, fertility and intimacy, government intervention into family, telecommuting and family life, care activities during pandemic, social distancing and communication, change of consumption patterns

Labor

Telecommuting/telework and work-life balance, innovation, IT and worker compatibility, unemployment and safety net, new inequality, informal sector and lifestyles

Education

Online class and reasonable accommodation for children/students with disabilities, educational opportunities, digital divide among economically disadvantaged students, online job hunting

Public sphere

Cultural activities and creative sectors under lockdown, digitalization of culture, reliability of information/media and science, populist/nationalist democracy vs authoritarian regime, decentralization and depopulation

Social Protection

Healthcare access, lockdown and *hikikomori* shut-ins, limited freedom of movement, limited intimacy, lifestyles and care of vulnerable groups including children/the elderly/ the disabled, shrinking role of the community under pandemic

Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

Environment, energy conservation, social and economic resilience, sustainable society, corporate/university social responsibility

III. Eligibility for application

. Master's students and Ph.D. students. The Organizing Committee will screen the applications based on candidates' qualifications and abstracts.

IV. Application URL

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V. Timeline

Deadline for application: 20 June 2021

Notification of screening results: around late June 2021

Deadline for submission of full paper (4,000-6,000 words): 15 September 2021

Workshop: 25-26 September 2021

Deadline for submission of full paper for proceedings: end of November 2021

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Organizing Committee of the 14th Next-Generation Global Workshop

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