



## Human Face of the COVID-19 Pandemic: Implications for Social Policy

Collection Editors:

**Prof. Dr. Christian Aspalter**

Programme of Social Work and  
Social Administration, Beijing  
Normal University & Hong Kong  
Baptist University United  
International College, Zhuhai,  
China

**Prof. Johnston Wong**

Programme of Social Work and  
Social Administration, Beijing  
Normal University & Hong Kong  
Baptist University United  
International College, Zhuhai,  
China

### Message from the Collection Editors

This Special Issue of the internationally pioneering journal Social Sciences aims to collect quality articles on different difficult situations which all people in the global community, and in particular those vulnerable groups, have endured. All kinds of qualitative and quantitative studies, from all over the world, are welcome.

In terms of topic areas, contributors can consider focusing on, for example, poverty outcomes, health outcomes, and new poverty reduction efforts and health care services concerned. Studies on other areas, such as mental health problems and schooling problems, in particular, are also welcome. In addition, e-learning and the online provision of social services and medical services (e.g., consultations) are also highly relevant. Computer-based counseling and digital social work are new areas to be explored and discussed. These emerging social services which cut across traditional social policy areas need to be investigated: how they can be better financed, implemented, coordinated, and evaluated deserves serious discussion in the light of political and social governance.





an Open Access Journal by MDPI

## Editor-in-Chief

**Emeritus Prof. Nigel Parton**  
School of Human and Health  
Sciences, University of  
Huddersfield, Huddersfield HD1  
3DH, UK

## Message from the Editor-in-Chief

*Social Sciences* is an international open access peer-reviewed journal publishing the latest research across all disciplines of the social sciences including anthropology, criminology, economics, education, geography, history, law, linguistics, political science, psychology, social policy, social work, sociology and related areas. The journal is especially interested in interdisciplinary research, and aims to facilitate the interaction and communication between different social scientific disciplines. The journal welcomes conventional length articles as well as shorter Research Notes or short articles, as long as they meet the journal's standards of quality and originality.

## Author Benefits

**Open Access:** free for readers, with article processing charges (APC) paid by authors or their institutions.

**High visibility:** indexed within Scopus, ESCI (Web of Science), RePEc, and other databases.

**Journal Rank:** JCR - Q2 (*Social Sciences, Interdisciplinary*) / CiteScore - Q2 (*General Social Sciences*)

## Contact Us

---

*Social Sciences* Editorial Office  
MDPI, Grosspeteranlage 5  
4052 Basel, Switzerland

Tel: +41 61 683 77 34  
[www.mdpi.com](http://www.mdpi.com)

[mdpi.com/journal/socsci](http://mdpi.com/journal/socsci)  
[socsci@mdpi.com](mailto:socsci@mdpi.com)  
[X@SocSci\\_MDPI](https://twitter.com/SocSci_MDPI)