

Call for short essays and full papers on the COVID-19 pandemic and global crisis

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic and global crisis, *International Social Work* is inviting short essays of 1000 words (excluding references). These papers might address the following topics:

- present an update on current social work, social policy and community responses to the crisis in particular countries and regions;
- provide critical commentary or calls for action;
- suggestions or examples of innovative policy and practice;
- address a particular challenges and concerns for social work;
- human rights and responses to vulnerable groups;
- social development responses;
- work fields of practice such as public health, allied health and social services;
- effectiveness and impact of strategies such social distancing and isolation; and
- educational responses.

Submissions will be particularly welcomed from practitioners who are working on the ground. We are conscious that we do not want this activity to take people away from their essential work, and suggest academics consider partnering with practitioners in writing.

Whilst it is not expected that short essays will be based on the authors own primary research, they should demonstrate rigour and evidence in content. This may consist of local experiences, references to government and nongovernment policy and actions, credible media stories and academic literature. Particular attention should be given to lessons learnt or insights likely to be useful in other international contexts. Essays should be high quality pieces that are well crafted, engaging and accessible to the international readership. These papers will be considered and peer reviewed by the journal's Co-Editors and Associate Editors.

Authors who may have sufficient material or research findings for a full paper addressing issues associated with the COVID-19 pandemic and crisis are also welcome to submit a full paper. These papers will be prioritised for expedited peer review.

There will be no 'special issue' for these papers. Accepted contributions will be included in editions from July 2020 onward, with commentary.

Notes for submission:

Contributions must meet the formatting and content requirements of the journal, available here:

<https://journals.sagepub.com/author-instructions/ISW>

Authors should submit their essays and full papers via our peer review platform:

<https://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/isw>

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