



THE CISH SYMPOSIUM “Rethinking Humanities”

Call for papers by the International Center for Human Sciences (CISH) – Byblos

The symposium theme is “*Rethinking Humanities for a post pandemic world*”. The symposium will be held at the International Center for Human Sciences (CISH) – Byblos during 2020 - 2021. The accepted papers will be published online and in print, and will be discussed in different panels during the symposium.

Background

The coronavirus pandemic has shocked the current world order. For the first time after the world war two, humanity is confronting a common threat. It is time to revisit the human practices over years that lead to this urgency in terms of loss of life and loss of trust in Human kind. We normalized greed, inequity, exhaustion, impunity, manipulation; wars... Shall the world get back to normal, which was not really normal in terms of human and basic Rights?

The International Center for Human Sciences (CISH) is taking the challenge in exploring the current state and the needed changes to re-shock the world positively. As international Center for Human Sciences, CISH is engaging in shaping a better future for our humanity, as said Mahatma Ghandi “In a gentle way, you can shake the world”.

The CISH is calling for paper submissions to present your research in a wide variety of interdisciplinary and theoretical perspectives. Looking forward to papers, roundtables, and workshops that address our humanity issues, CISH is inviting for contributions exploring interdisciplinary areas related to human development including, but not limited to, the following broad areas and topics.

Areas and topics identified

Economy and social

- Epidemics and humanity: Challenges and opportunities.
- Economic impact of COVID 19 on global stock exchanges, oil prices, and on developing countries.
- Pandemic implications on Social Security in Lebanon, which is suffering from a huge financial collapse, and a crisis in the Banking sector.
- The worldwide economic contraction impact on food security, malnutrition and global poverty.
- The urgent changes in the aspects of life in the Arab region and globally.
- How the coronavirus has impacted governance and civil society development?

Education

- How the pandemic has changed education? Challenges and opportunities.
- Implications on the Lebanese educational sector: Impact on the academic calendar and on quality of education in private and public schools and universities. What are the challenges of the online distance learning?

Communication

- Communication in crisis in a changing world.
- Media role in supporting governments action in their fight against COVID-19.
- Family communication, has the quarantine effected positively the family bond?

Arts

- Arts demonstrating its resilience in a pandemic time.
- Exploring art and culture from home.
- The importance of art in managing the mental wellbeing.
- Art, Music, and the Brain. A creative approach to empower community health.
- How the art world is taking on the virus?

Environment

- Resetting the environmental future, exploring how pandemic environmental benefits can be sustainable.
- How has the coronavirus helped the environment?
- Pandemic effect on climate change and pollution.

Law and diplomacy

- Revising the International Health Law. Which mechanisms are required to achieve effectual reforms?
- The pandemic responsibility, who shall be accountable?
- Health diplomacy and health frontiers of medical support.
- Rethinking sports diplomacy and Olympics strategies.

Psychology and gender equality

- Human Psychology during and post pandemics.
- COVID-19 long-term consequences on mental health.
- Psychological resilience during the COVID-19
- Mental health care for medical staff.
- Generated impacts of COVID 19 on gender equality in a cyclical unemployment risk.