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Keynote Title:"The Psychological Effects of COVID-19 Pandemic"

Abstract: The Covid-19 pandemic has caused significant changes in everyone's lives. Especially with the social isolation process, people have moved their entire lives to their homes and nowadays people are trying to get used to new normal process. Because of the

Pandemic these are strange, mysterious and challenging times all over the world. While we are waiting for the treatment of Covid -19 with great hope in this period when we are struggling with the pandemic, the importance of psychology and sociology is understood once again during this process. The insecurity and the uncertainty with Covid-19 and the returns of it such as major changes in the global economy, the rising unemployment levels also effect everyones' lives.

The psychological effects of the pandemic period were also observed on the relationship of family members who spend a long time in the same house due to social isolation period. And also the rising in the internet addiction is another output of this process. Innovations in education should not be forgotten, especially the transition to online education and the hybrid processes that develop with the new normal. These are just a few of the changes we've experienced. Now it is the time for adapting, connecting and helping each other because during the isolation period of the pandemic process we experienced the period of unity and solidarity intensely in every aspect of our lives.

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ABSTRACTS

Digital citizens in the post-COVID-19 society

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Abstract

The pandemic caused by COVID-19 has shaped major social transformations, some of which were already existing trends such as the increasing implementation of digitalization in society, economy and also in education. This position paper aims to contribute to the analysis of the formation of digital citizens in the post-COVID-19 society, considering their relevance for participation and inclusion in the society to be (re)created.

Keywords: digital citizens, digital citizenship, education, COVID-19, Coronavirus, digital society, social inclusion.

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The Influence of New Sociocultural Environment on Self-Esteem: A Study on International Students in Russia

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Abstract

The biopsychosocial approach in the psychological studies assumes that the level of self-esteem in associations with physique traits can presumably determine the level of psychological well-being, particularly in the new conditions of life in a foreign country. The aim of the following research is to assess these parameters in a group of international students in Russia to reveal the peculiarities of such associations in the new sociocultural environment.

Key words: self-esteem, well-being, physique traits, international students

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Families with young people with Profound Intellectual and Multiple Disabilities: socio-pedagogical analysis

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Abstract

The literature concerning the construct of the Quality of Life (QoL) (Staunton, Sharkey, 2020; Giaconi, 2020; Cottini, 2016; Giaconi, 2015; Schalock, Verdugo Alonso, 2002; 2006) prompts us to investigate existential dimensions of families with young people with Profound Intellectual and Multiple Disabilities (PIMD) (D'Angelo, 2020; Caldin et al., 2017; Goussot, 2011; Caldin, Visentin, 2010). Specifically, in this paper we are going to explore the socio-pedagogical issues related to the care of families with children with PIMD, both in the life stages in which the parents are still present ("During Us") and when family members are no longer able to take care of their own sons/daughters ("After Us") (Giaconi et al., 2021). The authors will deepen pedagogical and social support that services should design in order to put in place Quality of Life spaces for caregivers and for adults with disabilities.

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Major historical Pandemics and their impact on human and social evolution

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Abstract

Purpose: To understand the role of past Pandemics in shaping human, social evolution and the future dynamics of the world vis-a-vis Covid-19, methodology: A historical and comparative analysis of selective but most deadliest pandemics in human history their origin, transmission route, biological response and the aftereffects. A comprehensive pre & post pandemic scenarios focuses selectively on major issues that have deepest & lasting impact on society with available secondary data. Results: Past pandemics always shaped the behavior of human beings and turned them more resilient biologically, intellectually & socially. They endorse the theory "Survival of the fittest" first proposed by Sir Charles Darwin. Pandemics & Infectious diseases are here to stay and as human society we need to strengthen our individual immunological and collective response besides evolving mechanism for strict controls on inter-continental movements of people especially animals which might have become carriers for these novel viruses. Conclusion: In the past, Pandemics created havoc and resulted in great mortality but they also improved the overall individual human immunology & collective social response. These pandemics over the years acted like Cytokin Storms by nature and mitigated the prevailing biological & social imbalances and the only striking difference is that nature understands the difference between self-immunotherapy and hypercytokinemia. We understand that after Covid-19, the institutional mechanisms will be strengthened and the recommendations by the various expert groups will be implemented for anticipation, preparedness & minimizing the impact of infectious diseases. The present historical analysis does not intend to present chronological findings of pandemics but rather focused on selective pandemics in history, their causes and how they influenced the human behaviour, immune system and social evolution.

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