These COVID-19 Analytical Snapshots are designed to capture the latest information and analysis in a fast-moving environment. Topics will be repeated from time to time as analysis develops. If you have an item to include, please email us at research@iom.int.

New initiatives

Lancet Migration—a global collaboration to advance migration health—has recently launched its Migration and Covid-19 Working Group. Information on the Group can be found here.

Many scientific publishers are making COVID-19-related research free to access, including Wiley, Taylor & Francis, Edward Elgar, Springer Nature, SAGE Publishing, and Elsevier. An article on this "whole of system" effort can be accessed here.

UK company Emerald Publishing has set up a £20,000 fund to cover publication fees for social sciences research relating to COVID-19 published on its open access platform.

Elsevier has issued an open call for papers from social scientists on COVID-19 impacts on societies and cultures. The call closes on 30 April 2020.

Disinformation on COVID-19 ⚠

The Institute for Strategic Dialogue has launched a new series of briefings by its Digital Research Unit on the information ecosystem around Covid-19. The first briefing compiles research from ISD's own analysis of online platforms, as well as summarising recent investigations and research on the state of play of disinformation around Covid-19.

> *Anti-migrant and far-right networks are exploiting the Covid-19 situation to spread disinformation targeting migrants, refugees and other vulnerable populations on- and offline.*

Access the briefing here.

Legal analysis and COVID-19

There has been a substantial amount of legal analysis on aspects of COVID-19 responses undertaken in a range of geographic and thematic settings, including on international human rights law, travel restrictions and quarantine, international protection/non-refoulment, border management as well as broader areas such as employment law, contracts/force majeure, taxation and other matters.

This of course also extends to research activities throughout the world, with many universities, research institutes and funding bodies issuing guidance for researchers on the COVID-19 impacts on research projects underway, including on contractual matters. Some research activities have also been suspended with resources shifting to COVID-19 research.

New research on migration & mobility aspects of COVID-19

Analysis and forecast of COVID-19 spreading in China, Italy and France by Duccio Fanelli and Francesco Piazza

The neglected health of international migrant workers in the COVID-19 epidemic by Andrian Liem, Cheng Wang, Yosa Wariyanti, Carl Latkin and Brian Hall

Preparedness and vulnerability of African countries against importations of COVID-19: a modelling study by Marius Gilbert et al.

Modelling and Prediction of the 2019 Coronavirus Disease Spreading in China Incorporating Human Migration Data by Choujun Zhan, Chi Tse, Yuxia Fu, Zhikang Lai and Haijun Zhang

Covid-19: control measures must be equitable and inclusive by Zackary Berger, Nicholas Evans, Alexandra Phelan and Ross Silverman

COVID-19: Projecting the Impact in Rohingya Refugee Camps and Beyond by Shaun Truelove, Orit Abrahim, Chiara Altare, Andrew Azman and Paul Spiegel

COVID-19 pandemic: Syria's response and healthcare capacity by Mazen Gharibah and Zaki Mehchy

A Race Against the Clock: Meeting Seasonal Labor Needs in the Age of COVID-19 by Kate Hooper and Camille Le Coz

The effect of human mobility and control measures on the COVID-19 epidemic in China by Moritz Kraemer et al.

#Hackathons

There have been several virtual hackathons on tackling different aspects of COVID-19 (including supporting vulnerable migrants) involving researchers, universities, government, business leaders and others. Examples include:

⇒ #versusvirus Hackathon
⇒ MIT COVID-19 Challenge
⇒ Hack the Crisis Norway
⇒ UNLEASH COVID-19 Hack

COVID-19 impacting social science

This LSE editorial reflects on the potential impacts on social science as medical and other scientists mobilise while social science insights remain muted: Social science in a time of social distancing.

Survey of international education practitioners

The European Association of International Education has released the results of a survey of 800 education staff affected by COVID-19. The report, Coping with COVID-19: International higher education in Europe, highlights that outward mobility of students and staff has been significantly affected during the early stages of the COVID-19 pandemic.