The role of higher education is multi-faceted. It is knowledge production, preparing learners to become professionals and positive contributors to the public good, and emphasizes ethics, social responsibility, and community engagement. With the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic impacting countries all over the globe, communities have been hit hard. In fact, this virus has amplified the socio-economic divides in many ways.

Those with the means to maintain a salary while working from home and those with the ability to move out of a dense, infected area to another home have a better chance of distancing themselves from infection, while the working class or poor continue to have to hold jobs (if they are able) on the front lines - the people who deliver mail, work in the grocery stores, and others we depend on for essential business.

COVID-19 will have an enormous economic and social impact. Many people have lost jobs, and even if they can continue with online learning may be asked to do so without in-home Wi-Fi, and some trying to complete full papers all on their cell phone.

(1) So, how can/will higher education institutions respond?
(2) What is our responsibility to the public good in the post-COVID wake?
(3) How does this change our research? Our partnerships? Our fields of study and teaching methodologies?
(4) How might we adapt to increase access to higher education for those most affected?

Registration is necessary

If you have any question or comments, please do not hesitate to send them directly to our email through the link that you find on our website: www.au SSR.it

We will be happy to receive videos / posters / comments / pictures or any other materials that can help in enhancing a better discussion.

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