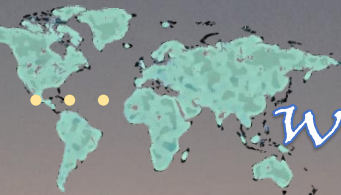


# ACADEMIA

# POST CORONA



Worldwild Initiative

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?

## WHEN

April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020

5pm - 6pm

Time Zone: Rome

## WHERE

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**Registration is necessary**

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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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