

Asta-Ja USA
Call for Contributions for Occasional Paper Series Publication

IMPACT OF COVID-19 PANDEMIC IN NEPAL: ISSUES AND PERSPECTIVES
(TENTATIVE TITLE)

The COVID-19 Pandemic which began in late 2019 in Wuhan, China, has now reached 210 countries and territories infecting over four million people and claiming almost 290,000 lives globally as of May 12, 2020. Even though Nepal has had relatively fewer cases so far, the likely consequences of the Pandemic would be no less severe.

Against this background, Asta-Ja International Coordination Council (Asta-Ja ICC), an assembly of affiliated scholars and professionals consisting of several hundred professionals in 17 countries, hosted on March 28, 2020 its First Global Virtual Meeting and discussed COVID-19 pandemic and Asta-Ja initiatives to fight against the pandemic. One of the decisions of the meeting was to produce and publish a document on issues and perspectives pertaining to Nepal in reference to global experience on COVID-19 pandemic. The document could be useful for planners, policy makers, professional, academics and political and business leaders in Nepal who are interested on the impact of the pandemic in Nepal.

This is a call for papers for this initiative.

Examples of the topics to be included in the document are as follows:

1. Impact of CoVid-19 on the Economy
2. Agriculture and Land Management in the aftermath of CoVid-19
3. Effect of Corona Virus on Environment and Urbanization
4. CoVid-19 Pandemic and the Poor
5. New Issues in Trans-border Trade and Travel
6. Technology and Transformation in Post-CoVid-19 Nepal
7. Public Health Care Management to Respond to Pandemics
8. Alternative Modalities of Education in an Era of Social Distancing
9. Challenges for Tourism and Hospitality Industry
10. Lessons for Disaster Management

The above list is suggestive only. You could write your paper on any topic broadly related to the main theme of the proposed publication. The expectation is that papers will focus on main issues related to the topic, include significant, specific cases to elaborate on the issue/problem enquired where possible, marshal arguments supporting the position advanced, and make policy recommendations for addressing the issue, or solving the problem.

Expected length of the paper is 8 to 12 pages, Times Roma 12 point font 1.5 spacing.

The submission timeline is as follows:

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- Authors send Title of the Paper by June 7, 2020
- Authors send an Abstract by June 21, 2020
- Authors send first draft of the full paper by July 21, 2020
- Reviewer's feedback sent back to the authors by August 21, 2020
- Manuscript for publication from authors due by September 15, 2020
- Target Publication Date: October 1, 2020.

The volume will be initially published as Asta-Ja USA Occasional Papers Series. At a later date, the compendium may be published as a book incorporating further reviews and changes as necessary.

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