

# Workshop series

## The socio-political economy of the Corona Pandemic

The current Corona Pandemic poses important challenges not only for virologists, but for political economists, economists, economic sociologists, and social theorists alike. With the second wave of the pandemic currently under way, it is increasingly obvious that we are about to face an economic crisis that exceeds that Subprime Crisis 2008 and the Euro Crisis 2012 by far. Given the structural changes we witnessed back then, it is only fair to say that the economic, political and social consequences will linger for the years to come. The level of rescue packages currently implemented, the level of debt taken on, and the redefined relationship between states and markets will have lasting effects. It is unclear whether we currently witness the dawn of a new age or we are about to enter another level of financialization and neoliberal governmentality.

This workshop series intends to bring together scholars, political analysts, and financial and economic experts who are interested and willing to examine the pandemic from different angles. After an opening workshop where we examine the empirical and conceptual dimensions of the crisis (Brussels, April 2021), we want to look at securitization of global value chains? (Rome, June 2021), the reconfiguration of public and private (October 21, London); the future of the EU (January 2022, Prague); social inequalities (April 22, Vienna) and the future of the social-ecological transformation (Brussels June 2022) in particular.

We invite papers for the Workshop in April 2021 to take place in Brussels. In particular, we are interested in papers that allow us to compare the impact of the pandemic on different regions of the world, raise conceptual issues, and thereby help us position and frame the pandemic.

Please submit your abstracts to [coronanomics@gmail.com](mailto:coronanomics@gmail.com), [arif.ruezgar@rosalux.org](mailto:arif.ruezgar@rosalux.org) and [oliver.kessler@uni-erfurt.de](mailto:oliver.kessler@uni-erfurt.de).

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