

## **Consequences of the Corona Crisis for Social Inequalities in Germany**

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The possible socio-economic consequences of the Corona crisis have received a lot of attention in public and scientific debates. On the one hand, concerns have been raised that the initial lockdown and the continued restrictions in public life had an impact on different spheres of everyday life (such as education, work and family) that is intensifying existing patterns of social inequality. On the other hand, the crisis has also been seen as an opportunity for social change and a renegotiation of social relationships.

Especially in the first months after the lockdown in March 2020 a surge of empirical studies were launched and many results published. This kind of empirical social research has only focused on the immediate, short-term impact of the crisis on social inequality so far. Research has also been limited in data availability as many empirical studies were based on small and non-representative samples and often lacked a comparison to pre-Corona times in a longitudinal perspective. This Special Issue aims at filling this research gap by inviting papers that study the consequences of the Corona crisis on social stratification and social inequalities in Germany in a longer time perspective.

Specifically, we are interested in papers that address one or more of the following overarching research questions:

- How did the Corona crisis affect social stratification and social inequalities in Germany in the longer run?
- How do consequences in different spheres of life and dimensions of social inequality affect and relate to each other? Is there a cumulation of negative consequences or compensation?
- How do longer-term consequences of the crisis compare to short-term consequences?
- How did the effects in Germany differ from other countries in strength and duration?
- How can the effects on patterns of social inequality be best described? As burning lens, polarization, marginalization, changes of pathways, new instead of old inequalities, ...?

We invite papers that analyze such changes/effects of the Corona crisis on social stratification and social inequalities, for example with regard to gender, social background and class, migration and ethnicity, age and cohort, or their intersections, in different life spheres and dimensions such as learning and education, employment chances, careers and working conditions, family life and social relations, social inclusion/exclusion, income, poverty and material deprivation, well-being and health.

## Submission information and review process

We are seeking theory-guided empirical contributions, based on longitudinal quantitative or qualitative microdata that enables to assess changes/effects evoked by the Corona crisis on social stratification and social inequalities in a valid and reliable way.

Please indicate your interest by sending an **extended abstract** until **June 30, 2021** to [bildungsforschung@lifbi.de](mailto:bildungsforschung@lifbi.de) (subject: "Abstract Special Issue Corona"). The abstract should cover motivation and research question, theory and research hypotheses, and a detailed description of data and methods within 3-4 pages. It is not yet necessary to present results.

Editor decisions for inviting **full papers** will be made until July 15, 2021. The deadline for submission of full papers (in English language, 8,000 words) is January 31, 2022. All manuscripts will be thoroughly refereed through a double-blind peer review process. The Special Issue (listed in the Social Sciences Citation Index) will be published in late autumn 2022.

For enquiries and information about the Special Issue, please contact the editors Michael Gebel ([michael.gebel@uni-bamberg.de](mailto:michael.gebel@uni-bamberg.de)) or Corinna Kleinert ([corinna.kleinert@lifbi.de](mailto:corinna.kleinert@lifbi.de)).

# SASE 2021 Mini-Conferences

## Call for Proposals

### *After Covid?*

### *Critical Conjunctures and Contingent Pathways of Contemporary Capitalism*

#### **Mini-Conference Proposal Deadline: 10 October 2020**

Thematic mini-conferences are a key element of SASE's annual conferences. We are currently accepting submissions for mini-conferences for the 2021 annual SASE conference, to take place 3-5 July 2021<sup>1</sup>. Preference will be given to proposals linked to the overarching conference theme, "After Covid? Critical Conjunctures and Contingent Pathways of Contemporary Capitalism".

**Before submitting a proposal, please consult the list of [extant SASE networks](#).** One of our goals in welcoming mini conferences is to bring to the fore issues that are not covered by existing networks. We therefore also particularly encourage proposals related to race and ethnicity, migration, and submissions that offer a worldwide perspective. Please consult programs from past conferences (<https://sase.org/events/past-meetings-archive/>) to view mini-conference themes from previous years. SASE is committed to diverse membership and lively intellectual debates, and encourages proposals that are offered by a diverse group of organizers and/or are likely to bring a diverse group of participants.

**Proposals for mini-conferences must be submitted electronically to the SASE Executive Director ([saseexecutive@sase.org](mailto:saseexecutive@sase.org)) by 10 October 2020.** All mini-conference proposals should include the name and email address of the organizer(s) and a brief (1 page) description of the mini conference theme. You may also include a list of possible participants. Proposals that would otherwise fit within a network will be expected to include an explanation as to why the topic should be discussed in a mini-conference format.

As in previous years, each mini-conference will consist of at least 3 panels, which will be featured as a separate stream in the program. If accepted, your mini-conference will be included in the general SASE call for papers (deadline in January), and you will receive applications through the conference submission system. You will review applications and create the panel sessions for your mini conference, which may also include participants and panels you have invited in advance. If a paper proposal cannot be accommodated within your mini-conference, we ask that you forward it to the most appropriate research network for consideration. As a mini-conference organizer, you will be expected to assign a discussant for each session that you organize. Presenters must submit a full paper for review by discussants by *1 June 2021*.

Dates to bear in mind:

**10 October 2020:** deadline for mini-conference proposals

**January 2021:** deadline for paper submissions to the SASE conference

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<sup>1</sup> If circumstances allow, the conference will be held in Amsterdam. Otherwise we will have either a blended conference or a fully virtual conference.

**February 2021:** accept/reject submissions for your mini-conference

**March 2021:** create sessions and assign discussants

**1 June 2021:** deadline for full papers, to be given to discussants for review

**3-5 July 2021:** SASE annual conference

Proposals should be submitted to SASE's Executive Director, Annelies Fryberger: [saseexecutive@sase.org](mailto:saseexecutive@sase.org). Please also feel free to reach out with questions about the application procedure.

You will be notified of the status of your application (acceptance or rejection) by the end of October 2020.

*Achieving diversity and inclusion is a priority for the Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics (SASE). SASE members study issues of inequality and exclusion, and it is important that the organization follows the principles it stands for through seeking to confront our explicit or implicit biases. A diverse and inclusive environment will also enrich the perspective of our scholarly inquiry. It is therefore the policy of SASE to recruit, include, and make visible all scholars, independent of any differences among them.*

*SASE is committed to providing a safe and welcoming conference environment for all participants, free from discrimination and harassment based, for example, on age, race, ethnicity, national origin, religion, language, sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression, disability, or socioeconomic status. Our Annual Meeting is convened for the purposes of scholarly, educational, and professional exchange. Discrimination and harassment of colleagues, students, or other conference participants undermines shared principles of equity, free inquiry, and free expression-and is considered by SASE to be a serious form of professional misconduct.*

## Call for Abstracts

### First Doctoral Conference on the Social and Political Constitution of the Economy

March 24–26, 2021, Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies, Cologne

The Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies (MPIfG) is hosting the *First Doctoral Conference on the Social and Political Constitution of the Economy*. The event aims at building bridges and finding commonalities among young scholars whose research is addressing the complex linkages between economic and social action. It will give PhD students at all stages the opportunity to present their work and receive constructive and well-informed feedback from an audience of peers.

The virtual conference is organized by the doctoral researchers of the International Max Planck Research School on the Social and Political Constitution of the Economy (IMPRS-SPCE). This graduate program combines approaches from economic sociology, organizational sociology, and comparative and international political economy. Its research explores the relationship between the modern economy and its social and political foundations. For further information see <http://imprs.mpifg.de>.

Reflecting the School's broad multi- and interdisciplinary program, the three-day conference will bring together junior researchers in the fields of economic sociology, political economy, organization studies, and related disciplines. It aims to foster dialogue and promote synergies among those studying the mutual interdependence and complex interactions between the economy and society by providing a platform for interdisciplinary exchange on topics such as (but not limited to):

- Democracy, Representation, and Populism
- Economic and Financial Policymaking
- Inequality and Stratification
- Labor Market Actors, Institutions, and Policies
- Market Sociology
- Migration and Immigrant Populations
- Social Movements and Non-Governmental Actors

Details on submission procedure and planned schedule follow below.

## Conference Details

The conference will be held online, 24–26 March, 2021. It will be hosted by the *International Max Planck Research School on the Social and Political Constitution of the Economy* (IMPRS-SPCE). In addition to six panel sessions, there will be a keynote lecture, virtual coffee breaks and get-togethers. Despite its digital format, the desired spirit of the conference will be one of close interaction and discussion. We would therefore like to emphasize that participation is strongly encouraged and expected throughout the whole schedule. We will make every effort to have enjoyable digital coffee breaks and to have conversations and meeting points as if it was a non-digital session.

Participants will be asked to submit a short draft paper and prepare a brief presentation (ca. 10 minutes) of their research. Work in early exploratory and conceptual stages is welcome. Each paper will be commented on by a discussant.

## Submission Details

The papers must be authored by current PhD researchers. Submissions co-authored by a PhD researcher are also welcomed. However, the presentation of the paper at the conference has to be given exclusively by the PhD researcher.

Interested scholars can apply by submitting a 300–500 word abstract including the research topic and the theoretical and methodological approach of their proposed paper to:

[phdconference@mpifg.de](mailto:phdconference@mpifg.de) by November 8, 2020

Please add a few remarks regarding your affiliation and your general research interests.

Successful applicants will be notified by November 30, 2020 and are expected to submit a draft paper of roughly 4000–6000 words by February 15, 2021.

For further questions, please do not hesitate to contact the conference organizers via

[phdconference@mpifg.de](mailto:phdconference@mpifg.de).

## Key Dates

November 8, 2020	Deadline for Application
November 30, 2020	Notification of Acceptance
December 31, 2020	Deadline for Registration
January 15, 2021	Announcement of the Final Conference Program
February 15, 2021	Submission of Draft Papers
March 24 to 26, 2021	Conference

## Preliminary Schedule

Wednesday, March 24		Thursday, March 25		Friday, March 26	
12:30 pm	Welcome and short round of introduction	1:30 pm	Digital coffee reception	1:30 pm	Digital coffee reception
1 pm	Keynote Prof. Sigrid Quack	2 pm 2:45 pm	Panel 3 Presenter 5 Presenter 6	2 pm 2:45 pm	Panel 5 Presenter 9 Presenter 10
1:30 pm	Digital coffee break	3:30 pm	Digital coffee break	3:30 pm	Digital coffee break
2 pm 2:45 pm	Panel 1 Presenter 1 Presenter 2	4 pm 4:45 pm	Panel 4 Presenter 7 Presenter 8	4 pm 4:45 pm	Panel 6 Presenter 11 Presenter 12
3:30 pm	Digital coffee break	End 5:30 pm		5:30 pm	Closing remarks
4 pm 4:45 pm	Panel 2 Presenter 3 Presenter 4			End 6 pm	
End 5:30 pm					