



Covid policies and cultural scripts

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Covid – a transcultural virus

- Transcultural networking and hybridisation of virus due to globalisation, communication and transport networks
- Internal transculturality facilitates the diffusion of the virus by external transculturality
- Transmission of the virus is based on the communication/interaction and reciprocal exchange between different cultures and social groups

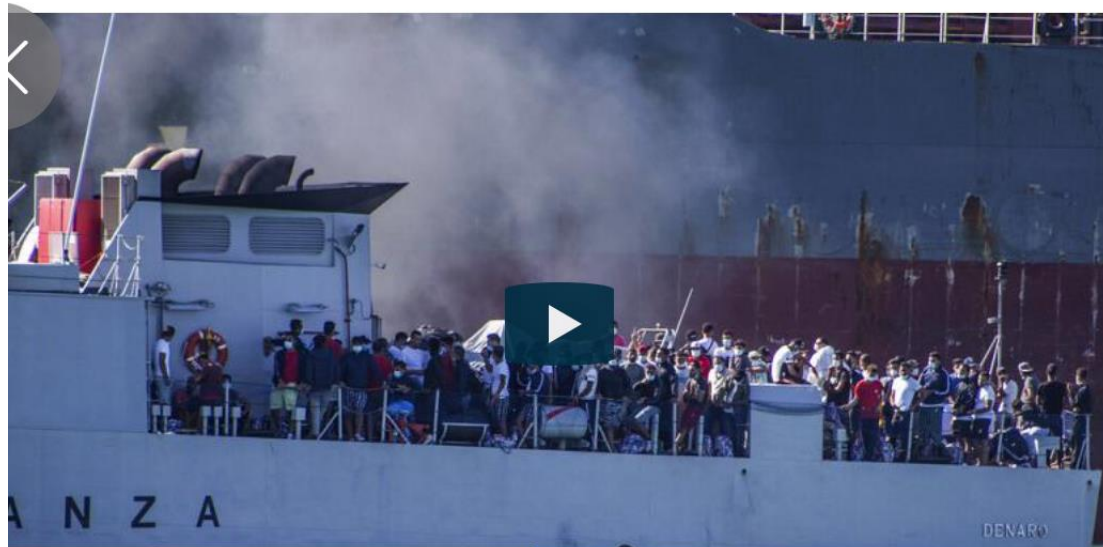
Problems of intercultural encounters during Covid

When we meet a stranger, we use our “virus knowledge” for an initial assessment. In doing so, we often draw conclusions about characteristics of our counterpart that are not directly accessible, without being aware of them.

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Allianz der Angst: Covid-19 schürt Furcht vor Migranten

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Ethnocentrism

Definition: The belief that one's own culture is superior to all others. View world from their own cultural viewpoint.

Does the pandemic promote ethnocentrism?

And if yes, in which manner?

**Singapore contained Coronavirus.
Could other countries learn from its
approach?**

Grades of ethnocentrism:

- 1) Positive: you prefer your own
- 2) Negative: you believe your own culture is in the center of everything.
- 3) Extreme negative: you believe the values and norms of your own culture as most powerful and should be adopted by other cultures.



Singapore has done well to contain the virus, with only 96 cases reported.

Image: REUTERS/Feline Lim

Changing culture due to the virus

- Language (verbal and non-verbal)
- Knowledge (everyday knowledge and social representations)
- Values and rules
- Symbols, rituals

Réduire le risque d'infections à **coronavirus** :

 Se laver les mains à l'eau et au savon ou avec une solution hydro-alcoolique

Se couvrir le nez et la bouche avec un mouchoir ou dans le pli du coude quand on tousse ou éternue 

 Éviter tout contact étroit avec une personne présentant des symptômes de type grippal

Bien cuire la viande et les oeufs 

 Ne pas entrer en contact direct avec des animaux sauvages ou d'élevage



 World Health Organization

Collectives and compliance to Covid-measures

Centre gives three reasons for India's Covid surge

TIMESOFINDIA.COM / Updated: Apr 4, 2021, 22:35 IST



Research article | [Open Access](#) | Published: 18 January 2021

COVID-19 outbreak in Brazil: adherence to national preventive measures and impact on people's lives, an online survey

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It attributed the spike to the severe decline in compliance of Covid-appropriate behaviour, pandemic fatigue and lack of effective implementation of containment measures at the field level.

Collectives and their culture are heterogeneous and unlimited in themselves, because their members can also move in other collectives. As a result of the internal differentiation of a collective, the homogeneity and coherence of a culture is always only relative. People of the same collective can differ profoundly in their views in our pluriform societies (Hoffman 2015).

Cultural scripts - can shift



- Irritations due to shifted cultural scripts indicate that one's own value systems (norms, principles, etc.) have been violated. To which cultural circles do I belong and what values/ Covid-measures do I stand for?
- Irritations are expressed through emotions such as anger, disappointment and fear, when looking at "foreign behavior".



How do different countries handle the Covid crisis?

<https://www.nature.com/articles/s41562-020-0909-7>

1 CoronaNet COVID-19 Government Response Event

2 Dataset

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Policies to combat the pandemic

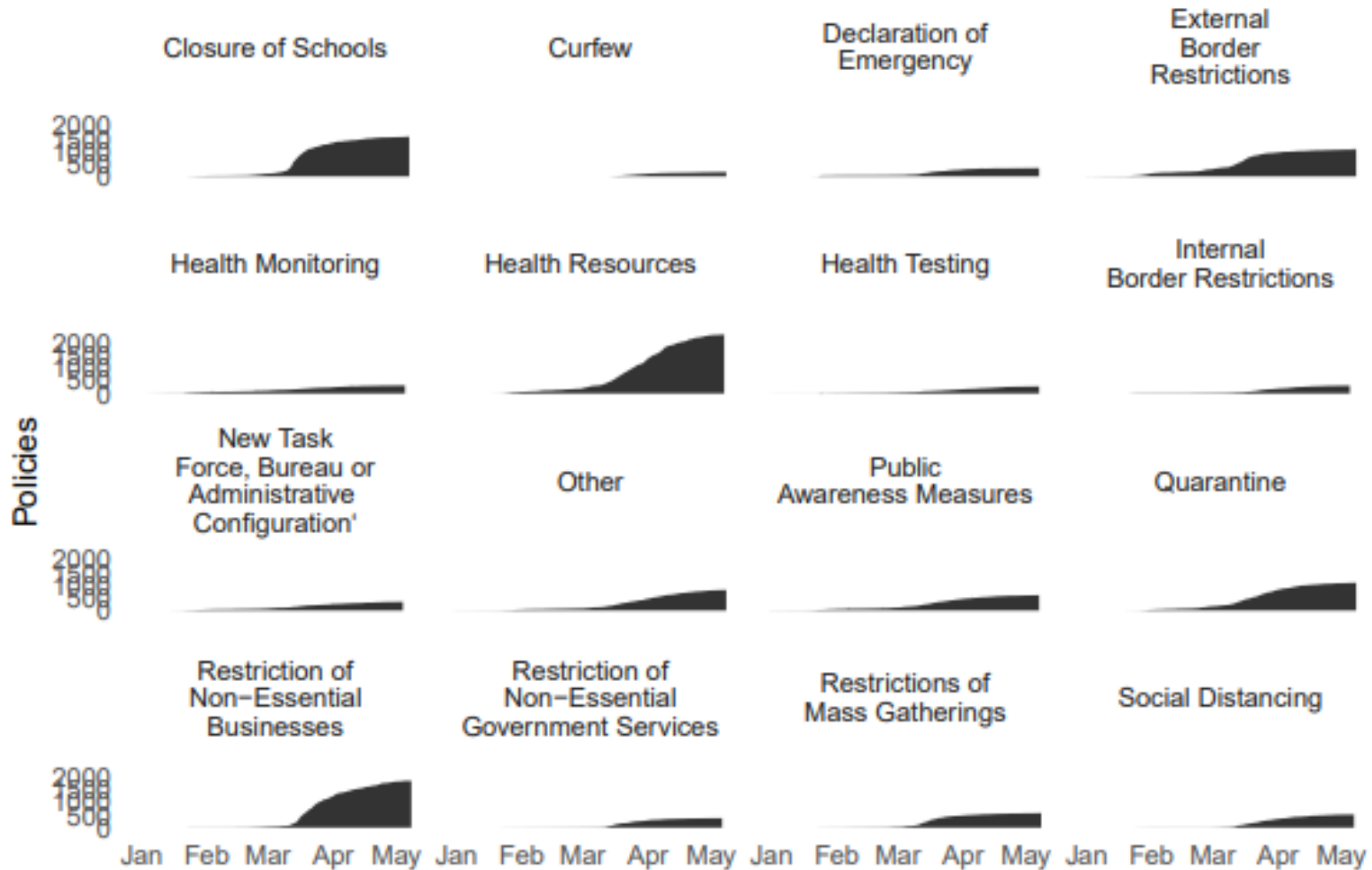
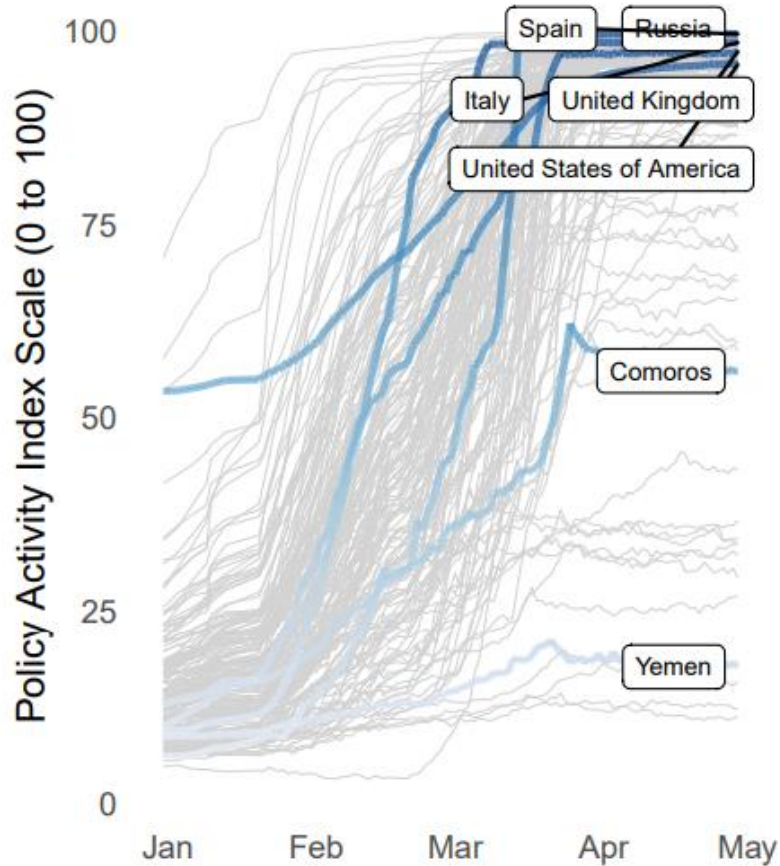


Figure 1: Cumulative Incidence of Policy Event Types Over Time



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B

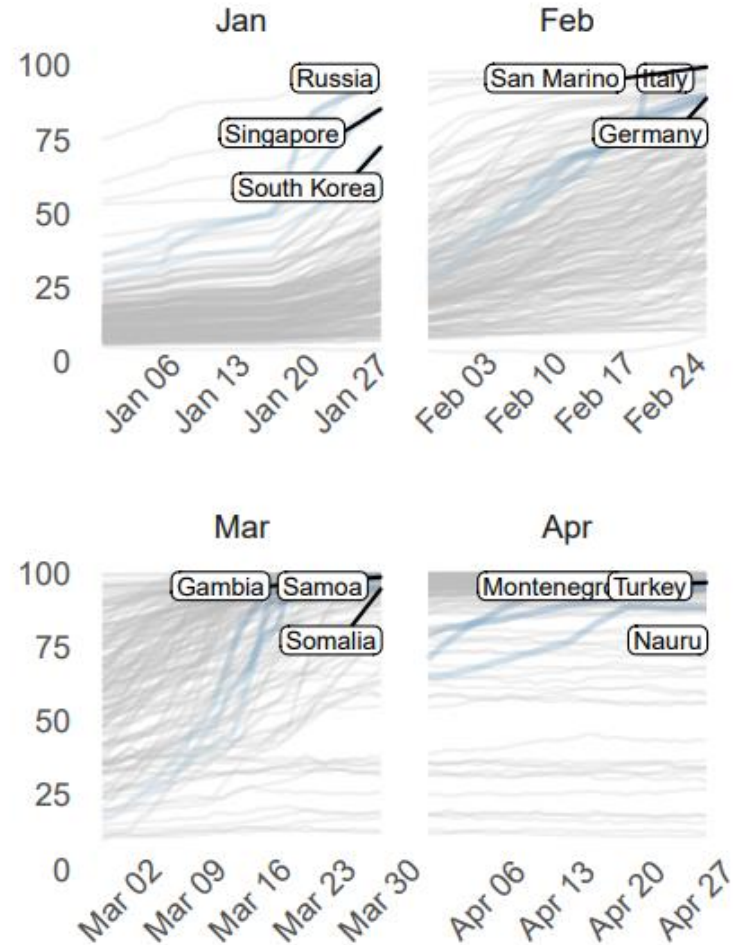
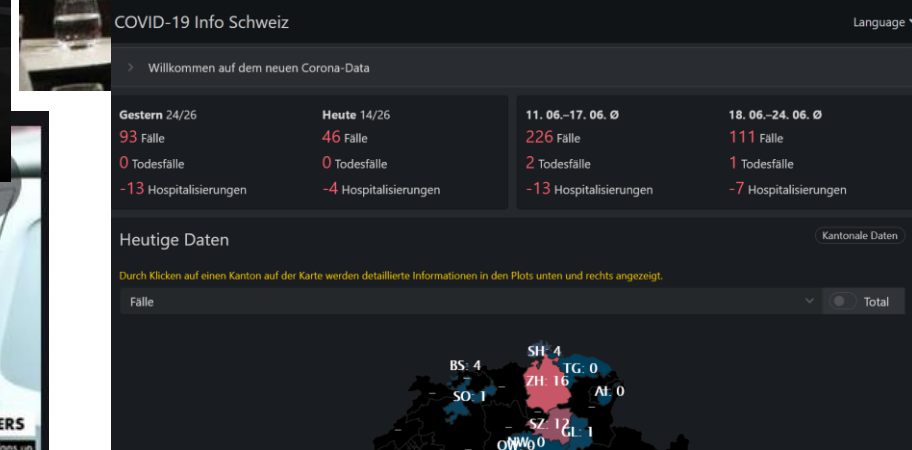


Figure 3: CoronaNet Time-Varying Index of National Policy Activity of Measures Opposing COVID-19 Pandemic. Estimates are derived from Stan, a Markov Chain Monte Carlo sampler. Median posterior estimates are shown. Plot A shows the full distribution of countries, while plot B shows each month separately with the top 3 countries for that month in terms of increases in activity scores from start of the month to the end of the month.

Collage – my information channels on the pandemic



Bergamo, non c'è più posto: 70 mezzi militari portano le salme fuori dalla regione



Result: difficult to know which policy is effective

Conclusion

As policymakers, researchers and the broader public debate and compare how to succeed against the novel threats posed by COVID-19, they need real-time, traceable data of government policies in order to understand which of these policies are effective, and under what conditions. This requires specific knowledge of the variation of such policies and how widely implemented they are across countries and time. The goal of the dataset and policy action index presented here is to provide this information.

We have tried to match our data collection efforts to keep up with the exponential speed with which COVID-19 has already upended global public health and the international economy while also maintaining high levels of quality. However, we will inevitably be refining, revising and updating our data to reflect new knowledge and trends as the pandemic unfolds. The data that we present here represents an initial release; we will continue to validate and release data so long as governments continue to develop policies in response to



Outgoings

Austauschstudium

- Voraussetzungen
- Partneruniversitäten
- Erfahrungsberichte
- Bewerbung
- Ausland mit Behinderung
- Ausland mit Kind
- Finanzierung
- OLS-Sprachunterstützung
- Urlaubssemester
- Versicherung
- Visum
- Wohnen
- > Sicherheit
- Verlängerung
- Rückkehr
- Anerkennung
- Downloadbereich

Doppelabschlüsse

Covid-19 FAQ für Outgoings 2020/21

Die Situation stellt uns alle vor neue Herausforderungen und Maßnahmen ändern sich schnell. Hier finden Sie ein von uns für Sie zusammengestelltes FAQ zu wichtigen Fragen bezüglich Ihrer Mobilität im akademischen Jahr 2020/21. Die Antworten werden von uns aktualisiert, sobald es zu Änderungen kommt.

Darüber hinaus stehen wir Ihnen weiterhin bevorzugt telefonisch und per E-Mail zur Verfügung und [beraten Sie gerne](#).

1. Findet das Auslandssemester 2020/21 an meiner Partneruniversität „normal“ statt?
2. Kann ich meinen Auslandsaufenthalt verschieben?
3. Wie werden Auslandsaufenthalte im akademischen Jahr 2020/21 mit Erasmus+ Geldern gefördert?
4. Werden mir meine Kurse anerkannt, auch wenn ich sie nur online an der Partneruni gemacht habe?
5. Soll ich schon meine Flüge etc. und Unterkunft buchen?
6. Kann ich in das Land meiner Partneruni einreisen?
7. Muss ich in Quarantäne im Gastland?
8. Darf ich während des Auslandsaufenthalts parallel an Online-Kursen an der Viadrina teilnehmen?
9. Wie reiche ich meine Erasmus+ Unterlagen bzw. das Learning und Grant Agreement vor Abreise ein?

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The risk of cultural concepts dealing with the pandemic

- Culturalization is the practice of understanding "culture" as an essential, central and determinant explanation for (individual) actions, attitudes, behaviors, conflicts or expressions.
- Cultural concepts are based on nations, ethnic origin, homogeneity coherences and static → **risk of essentialism**
- Differences in mentality are used as an explanation of behavior. → **risk of determinism and reductionism**

Sweden and the U.S. are unique in their failure to reduce coronavirus mortality rates as the pandemic progressed

COVID-19 related deaths per 100,000 people; countries grouped by their overall mortality rate

