



The First *Connect the World* Project

Topic: Regional Impact of COVID-19

Due to the changed environment in the world at the moment and the inability of students to connect through exchanges, we would like to invite you to participate in casual discussions with other students from around the world.

Kick Off

In this zoom meeting we will share details of the program and you will meet your group members.

We will have a short presentation by a Tohoku University professor.

Prof. Naoki Odanaka (socio-economic history of France) will give a short presentation on how infectious diseases through history have shaped, and have been shaped by society.

Date: Thursday, 8th April, 2021

Time: 5:00pm JST (10:00am CEST, 09:00am UK, 10:00pm -1 Hawaii)



Between April 8th and May 27th meet your group members at times that suit you and your group for discussions. Use any communication method you choose.



Goal

The goal is to create a 5 minute presentation about what you have discovered in your discussions and present your findings to other participants.

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Aims

The aim of the event is to interact with like-minded students around the world to share opinions and information regarding discussion topics. The presentations are intended to share what you have learned and discussed with your international peers, not to gain credits. We want all students to enjoy casual conversations, learn from each other and make friends through independent activities.

Theme

Our first topic of discussion will be:

To analyse the impact of COVID on the society of the home country of each student using government reported data, to compare the impacts and their causes and report the findings in the presentation session. At the kick off session in April each group will be given a specific topic within the overarching theme to discuss over the following weeks.

How to join

Students of any grade and faculty are welcome to join and share their thoughts.

Please complete the google form by Tuesday the 6th April.

Google Form:

<https://forms.gle/djU1T8vSUWVv1Q1p8>

We will contact you via email about how to join the zoom kick off meeting scheduled for the 8th April.

Fee

Free

Inquiries

Please direct any questions you may have to the Division of Education and Exchange at the Graduate School of Economics and Management, Tohoku University, Sendai, Japan at: diee-keizai.grp@tohoku.ac.jp

We hope this provides opportunity for students around the world to get connected, hold meaningful discussions and make friends.

We look forward to your participation.



Arranged by: OASIS, Tohoku Forum for Creativity, Graduate School of Economics and Management, Graduate School of Arts and Literature, Tohoku University.