

## **Call for Lectures: Symposium Webinar on Internationalization of Higher Education (IHE) during Coronavirus Crisis**

Warm greetings from Tehran University of Medical Sciences (TUMS), Iran.

Indeed, we are living in a truly unprecedented and intense situation at the moment. COVID-19 is an emerging, rapidly evolving situation and this pandemic is affecting all of our families, communities, and our ways of life and work. First and foremost, our hearts go out to anyone impacted by the virus, either directly or indirectly. Our thoughts are especially with those infected by the virus, to whom we extend our heartfelt wishes for a full recovery. We truly appreciate the selfless efforts of healthcare workers around the world who are on the front lines, working tirelessly to care for people in need.

In this situation, we are focused on the health and safety of our employees and students. We have implemented work-from-home policies to limit our employees' exposure, and have limited, postponed and suspended our travel, gatherings and events. Regardless of how complex the situation is, we at the TUMS Directorate of International Relations are eager to foster our collaboration with our partners in any field related to Internationalization of Higher Education (IHE). In light of this, we are organizing a symposium webinar called **"Internationalization of Higher Education during Coronavirus Crisis"** to be held **from 18 to 20 May 2020** with the aim to address some important aspects of higher education impacted by the COVID-19 situation.

We invite you to join us on this webinar. We believe that your valued presence and participation whether as speaker or listener would contribute to the enrichment of this event. You can see the topic and details of the webinar in the following section.

We look forward to seeing you at TUMS webinar.

### **1<sup>st</sup> Day Panel: Internationalization of Higher Education Policy Shift during/ after Coronavirus Crisis**

There are many topics including but not limited to:

- How should internationalization policy of universities and higher education institutions change to respond to COVID-19 crisis?
- What are some challenges and barriers of universities and higher education institutions to adapt their internationalization policy to be able to respond to COVID-19 crisis?

- What are some internationalization opportunities for universities and higher education institutions in Corona time?
- Loss of international students due to COVID-19 restrictions: implications for HEI
- Best practices in embracing IHE in Corona time: the successful case of your University

Date and Time: Monday, May 18 at 12:00 PM (GMT); 4:30 PM (Tehran local Time)

Length: Two hours of speech and approximately one hour of questions and answers

Audience: IHE managers, staff, researchers and anybody interested in IHE topics

Required application: Zoom

Moderator: Dr. M. H. Nekoofar

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Day Panel: e-Learning during Coronavirus Crisis**

There are many topics including but not limited to:

- How education/ learning is changing in Corona time?
- How distance learning is shaping the landscape of higher education in COVID-19 crisis? What are the implications for universities and students? What are pros and cons?
- Supporting internationalization at home: the role of MOOCs in Corona time
- Dealing with challenges experienced by educators/ students in distance education in Corona time

Date and Time: Tuesday, May 19 at 12:00 PM (GMT); 4:30 PM (Tehran local Time)

Length: Two hours of speech and approximately one hour of questions and answers

Audience: Medical educators, IHE managers, staff, researchers, students and anybody interested in IHE topics

Required application: Zoom

Moderator: Dr. R. Mojtahedzadeh

## **3<sup>rd</sup> Day Panel: Post- quarantine Challenges in Medical Sciences Education**

- **Panel of Educational Challenges in Medicine**
- **Panel of Educational Challenges in Dentistry**

- **Panel of Educational Challenges in Public Health and Medical Sciences**

There are many topics including but not limited to:

- What are the challenges of post- quarantine medical sciences education?
- When will the lockdown in different medical and clinical practice be over?
- How the future of medical and clinical practice and medical sciences education would be shaped in the shadow of the Coronavirus crisis in the future?

**\* This panel includes three simultaneously panels.**

Date and Time: Wednesday, May 20 at 12:00 PM (GMT); 4:30 PM (Tehran local Time)

Length: Two hours of speech and approximately one hour of questions and answers

Audience: Medical educators, IHE managers, staff, researchers, students and anybody interested in medical sciences education topics

Required application: Zoom

Moderator of the panels: Dr. M. H. Nekoofar

- Moderator of the Panel of Educational Challenges in Medicine: Dr. N. Rezaie
- Moderator of the Panel of Educational Challenges in Dentistry: Dr. P. Shakib
- Moderator of the Panel of Educational Challenges in Public Health and Medical Sciences: Dr. A.H. Takian

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