

SOUTH ASIA RESEARCH CENTER(SARC),  
SOKA UNIVERSITY CONFERENCE 2020

Deadline for submission: ~~September 30, 2020~~

**Extended to: October 10, 2020**

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## CONFERENCE CALL

The First SARC International Conference on  
**Japan-South Asia Connections on Economy, Health and Education**

to be held online from Soka University Japan on  
**October 30-31, 2020**

The COVID-19 pandemic has disrupted the global world order created after World War II. The pandemic has undermined the quality of life and compromised work across countries. For private enterprises it has reduced their earnings drastically. New ways of conducting business, improving health, creating new education should be found. We need ingenuity to create new strategies in regional economy and health. We need to find new connections between global trade and digital technology, economy and innovation, skill creation and labor movement and village craft and design. Our old business supply routes are moving from traditional face-to-face to online. All markets in the region especially automobile, medical supply and movement of medical professionals must be overhauled. We need to remap and make sustainable entertainment, hoteling, restaurant and café business. There is a need to find new ways to sustain the GIG economy, supply value chains, rule-based global trade and global trade regime. The reform of WTO in a manner that unilateralism, protectionism, and populism does not affect its global outreach. There is a need to empower global health systems, coproduce drugs and vaccines, and provide psychological health care. Finally, the entire education system has gone online creating new hybrid classes. Just as the global middle class has shrunk so have the international students. What is the future direction of global schools and higher education we have to envision?

The two-days conference aims to bring together experts in the field of economics, health, education, regional development, traditional craft, modern design and architecture from Japan, South Asia and the rest of the world. The South Asian region is becoming a source of abundant manpower and professional expertise which different partnerships can exploit. Changes in regional trade and health in the last few months have realigned connections in the region. The conference will address some of these issues and provide solutions wherever possible.

This conference will be held in English. However, we will welcome presentations in Japanese.

## **1. DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF ABSTRACTS: SEPTEMBER 30, 2020**

ABSTRACT of 250 words in English (or 600 words in Japanese) on any of the above themes may be sent in the TEXT BOX of the email to [soka-sarc@soka.ac.jp](mailto:soka-sarc@soka.ac.jp) by September 30<sup>th</sup> 2020. All abstract will be reviewed by an expert panel before acceptance. Once letters of acceptance are sent to you, please begin working on your presentation paper.

### **A. The abstract must include the following 4 points:**

- Thesis statement
- Argument
- Evidence and
- Contribution to academic research

### **B. We propose to divide the conference in the following panels.**

Please select a panel under which your abstract will be considered.

<Economy and Global Trade>

A1. New Global Trade and Digital Technology

Economy and Innovation

A2 Skill creation and labor movement

Village Craft and Design

B1. Business Supply Routes—Traditional and Digital  
Automobile Business

- B2. Medical Supply Trade**
  - Movement of Medical Professionals**
- C1. Remapping Entertainment, Hoteling, Restaurant and Café Business**
  - Creating Sustainable**
- C2. GIG Economy**
- C3. Economic Supply Value Chains—FDI, Technology Transfer and Engineer Movement**
- D1. Rewriting Rule-Based Global Trade**
- D2. Reforming WTO**
- E. Opening Global Trade Regime**

**<Health>**

- F. Empowering Global Health Systems**
- G. Global Co-production of Drugs and Vaccine**
- H. Creating Trust in WHO**
- I. The Psychological Dimensions of Health and Well-Beings**
- J. Nursing and Health Care**
- K. Unilateralism, Protectionism, Populism and Health**

**<Education>**

- L. Online Education**
- M. Hybrid Classroom**
- N. New Education Pedagogy**

**C. Please include the followings in your email:**

- Name of the delegate**
- Official designation: department, university or college**
- Email ID**
- Panel No.**
- Abstract 2020: (Title of your paper)**

**D. The subject line of your email should read as follows:**

**Example:**

**Abstract 2020, A1(Panel No.), Taro Soka(Your Name), Soka University**

## 2. DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF PAPERS: NOVEMBER 30, 2020

Please submit your paper after the conference has ended to the following email: [soka-sarc@soka.ac.jp](mailto:soka-sarc@soka.ac.jp) Your paper will be published in the proceedings of SARC once accepted.

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