

COVID-19 PHSMs Data Coverage Conference



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Problem Identification Workshop

10 February 2021

Moderators

Alex Howes (ACAPS) & Luca Messerschmidt (CoronaNet Research Project)

3:00pm - 3:15 pm CET: Opening remarks

Speaker:

Prof. Tim Bütke, Chair for International Relations at the Hochschule für Politik (TUM)

Cindy Cheng, CoronaNet Research Project, Hochschule für Politik (TUM)

3:15pm - 4:45 pm CET: Big Tracker Roundtable

The first session of the day will consist of a roundtable of the co-hosting trackers who will present the different aspects of their data collection efforts, share what organisational, motivational and other challenges they face, and provide an outlook of their future plans. Sharing knowledge and experiences from the last year will be the focus of this session. Each of the 5 trackers (ACAPS, CCCSL, CoronaNet, HIT-COVID, OxCGRT) will present, followed by a 30 minute panel discussion.

4:45pm - 5:00pm CET: 15 minute break

5:00pm - 6:00pm CET: Special Tracker Panel

Trackers that were not part of the first session will also present their data collection efforts. This will be followed by a 20-30 minute discussion of challenges in data collection for subnational data and/or for specific policies.

6:00pm - 7:00pm CET: Identifying Gaps and Concordances

In this last session of the first day, Lukas Lehner will provide a 10 minute assessment of how the various trackers that have presented their work in this conference have converged and diverged in their efforts to collect data on PHSMs. In doing so, they will identify where trackers have converged in terms of their data coverage and taxonomy as well as where there are gaps, both relative to each other as well as relative to data which hypothetically could be collected. This will be followed by a Q&A session.

Speaker:

Lukas Lehner (Oxford Supertracker)



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Yuxi Zhang (OxCGRT)

3:00pm - 4:00 pm CET: Challenges in designing a data collection strategy

In the first half of this session, co-hosting organizations will share the methodologies and structures they have set up to ensure the collection of complete and clean data on PHSMs (e.g. taxonomies, data collection instruments), in theory, if not necessarily in practice.

The second half of the session will be a moderated discussion. Involved groups will discuss challenges in developing a taxonomy to capture government responses to COVID-19.

4:00pm - 5:00pm CET: Challenges in executing a data collection strategy

This session will focus on the organisational strategies different groups rely on, in practice, implement the methodologies they have set up to collect data on PHSMs (e.g., paid research assistants, volunteer research assistants, machine learning algorithms).

5:15pm - 7:00pm CET: Brainstorming areas of collaboration and cooperation

The last session of the day will allow trackers to brainstorm possibilities for collaboration. We will conclude by discussing how to establish collaborations now that can be flexibly and sustainably used in going forward by anticipating that this will not be the last pandemic/ large-scale public health emergency and how to communicate this to the public.



Problem Solution Workshop

03 March 2021

Before the next workshop, trackers interested in further collaboration will meet in the interim to flesh out solutions to address common challenges and questions. Trackers will present a summary of data collection efforts, challenges, stakeholder engagement, and collaboration efforts; and discuss how we can better prepare and build upon this work in the next stages of the COVID-19 pandemic.

International organisations, funding partners, journalists, and government representatives will be invited to join this session and there will be a Q&A with funding partners and international organisations.

Further details to be announced.

If you require any further information or have any questions please contact us via info@covid19-conference.org



Presenters

Adam Mahdi (OxCOVID19 Project)

Dr Adam Mahdi is a mathematician and biomedical engineer working at the Institute of Biomedical Engineering, University of Oxford. He is a Fellow at Wolfson College, Oxford. His research mainly involves developing machine learning and statistical models in the context of routinely collected hospital data, in particular in the ICU. He has been recently teaching Applied Analytical Statistics (Oxford Internet Institute) and Machine Learning for Signal Processing (Big Data Institute).

Alex Howes (ACAPS)

Alex is a data scientist working for ACAPS. She holds a master's degree in Physics from the University of Cambridge. Prior to joining ACAPS she worked as a data scientist for multiple commercial organisations including in social media, particle physics, agriculture, and digital marketing. At ACAPS she applies data science and analysis to a wide variety of projects including analysis of needs assessment data, predictive analysis, and crisis severity. She is motivated by using data to improve the response and understanding of humanitarian crises. She also manages the data management and software systems.

Alex John Zapf (JHU HIT)

Alexander John Zapf, MSPH, MSc, is an epidemiologist with a strong focus towards building bridges between science, the public, and decision-makers to augment pandemic preparedness and global health. Alex is currently appointed as Research Scientist in the Department of International Health at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health (JHSPH) where he also serves as the program manager of the Johns Hopkins University Modeling and Policy Hub. Alex holds an MSPH in Global Disease Epidemiology and Control from JHSPH and an MSc in Global Health Science from the University of Oxford. His expertise is focused on pandemic preparedness and response, infectious disease epidemiology, public health surveillance, and health policy. Alex has previously worked for the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) Johns Hopkins Center of Excellence for Influenza Research and Surveillance, the Malaria Atlas Project at the University of Oxford, and the Robert Koch-Institute (RKI) in Germany.

Amélie Desvars-Larrive (Complexity Science Hub COVID19 Control Strategies List (CCCSL))

Amélie Desvars-Larrive is a veterinary epidemiologist in the Unit Veterinary Public Health and Epidemiology at the University of Veterinary Medicine Vienna, Austria, and a Faculty Member at the Complexity Science Hub Vienna. She is specialized in tropical diseases of livestock, zoonotic and emerging diseases, methods for field data collection and management, and surveillance systems. She also counts several years of field experience with wildlife species. She has some expertise in emergency research, actively participating to the emergency research response in the Indian Ocean when facing the Chikungunya outbreak and, from the beginning of the Covid-19 crisis, she has led the CCCSL project, aiming at collecting/coding/sharing government interventions implemented in response to the pandemic.



Presenters

Angeliki Nika (ACAPS Government Measures Dataset)

Angeliki is a senior analyst managing the CrisisInSight team. She has worked with ACAPS since 2017. She has worked as a humanitarian analyst in various contexts onset disasters and protracted crises. She has previously worked with IOM, Oxfam, and human right organisations in Malta and in Greece. She holds a Bachelor's in International and European Studies and a Master's Degree in Public International Law and Human Rights and she has professional training in data analysis.

Anika Stobart (Grattan Institute: coronavirus announcements tracker)

Anika Stobart is an Australian public policy researcher based in Melbourne. She currently works in the health program at one of Australia's leading independent policy think tanks: the Grattan Institute. Since the start of the pandemic, she has published a number of articles and co-authored a report on Australia's response to COVID-19 and the lessons to be learned. Alongside this work, she initiated and ran a COVID-19 policy announcements tracker to inform researchers and the public about Australia's response. Prior to joining the Grattan Institute, Anika worked in public policy in the Australian federal government for three years. She has a bachelor's degree in both science and law from Monash University.

Anna Petherick (OxCGRT)

Anna Petherick is a Departmental Lecturer in Public Policy at the Blavatnik School of Government. She is one of the Co-PIs of the OxCGRT project.

Asjad Naqvi (COVID-19 European Regional Tracker)

Asjad Naqvi received his PhD in Economics (2012) from the New School for Social Research (New York, USA). From 2011--2013, Asjad returned to Pakistan to establish the Center for Economic Research in Pakistan (CERP) where his responsibilities included raising third-party funding, overseeing various projects, administrative and financial oversight, and developing capacity building programs on evidence-based policy design. CERP is now a leading research organization with over 150 affiliates from across the globe. Since 2013, Asjad has been living in Vienna. Since 2013 Asjad has been employed as an Assistant Professor at the Institute for Ecological Economics at the Vienna University of Economics and Business (WU) where he also received his Habilitation in Economics in October 2020. Additionally, since 2017, Asjad has also been employed as a post-doctoral Research Scholar at the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA). Asjad's current research work focuses on the spillover impacts of exogenous shocks on economic systems, impact of climate change, and the role of finance in climate policies. He is currently also leading the rapid response team on COVID-19 at IIASA.



Presenters

Bernhard Ebbinghaus (Oxford Supertracker)

Bernhard Ebbinghaus is Professor of Social Policy and Senior Research Fellow of Green Templeton College at University of Oxford. Prof Ebbinghaus was Head of the Department of Social Policy and Intervention (DSPI) at University of Oxford from 2017 until 2020. In addition, he is currently Associate Member of Nuffield College, University of Oxford, as well as visiting Mercator Fellow (2018-21) at the Collaborative Research Centre (SFB 884) Political Economy of Reform and MZES External Fellow, University of Mannheim. His major research fields are comparative analyses of welfare states, labour relations, and labour markets in Europe and other OECD countries.

Ceyhun Elgin (Bogazici University)

Ceyhun Elgin is a Lecturer in Discipline at Columbia University and a Professor of Economics at Bogazici University (Turkey). He obtained his PhD in economics at the University of Minnesota in 2010 and his research interests are in applied macroeconomics, economic growth, and political economics with a particular emphasis on the economics of the informal sector. Previously, Dr. Elgin also had visiting positions at the IMF, WB, and Boston University.

Chris Grundy (WHO global public health and social measures dataset)

Chris Grundy is an assistant professor at LSHTM. His research interest is around how GIS and other data science methods can be used in public health, especially around outbreaks and emergencies. He has a specific interest in crowdsourcing and collaborative data collection; the idea that we need to move from individual organizations collecting and then sharing information to one where we share data collection into one central dataset and then individual organizations use the data to add value.

Christine Aumayr-Pintar (Eurofound)

Christine Aumayr-Pintar is a senior research manager at Eurofound, the European Foundation for the improvement of living and working conditions. She works in the working life unit, focusing on industrial relations and working life developments. Her main fields of research are currently the setting of minimum wages, gender pay transparency, social dialogue. She is also managing Eurofound's EUPolicyWatch database, which gathers governments and social partner responses to cushion the socio-economic effects of the COVID-19 crisis.

Christopher Adolph (COVID-19 State Policy Project)

Christopher Adolph is an associate professor in the Department of Political Science and the Center for Statistics and the Social Sciences at the University of Washington. He leads the COVID-19 State Policy Project.



Presenters

Cindy Cheng (CoronaNet Research Project)

Cindy Cheng is a postdoctoral research fellow at the Chair of International Relations of the TUM School of Governance and a Principal Investigator of the CoronaNet Research Project. She investigates issues relevant to international political economy and political institutions, including the politicization of food safety problems, the legitimacy and efficiency of global governance institutions, the politics of innovation and drivers of foreign aid. Methodologically, she has a strong interest in missing data imputation, multilevel modeling and Bayesian statistics. Her work has appeared in *Nature Human Behaviour* and the *British Journal of Political Science*. She received her Ph.D. in Political Science from Duke University in 2017.

Emily Cameron-Blake (OxCGRT)

Emily is a Research Assistant with the Oxford COVID-19 Government Response Tracker (OxCGRT). Responsible for volunteer management and coordination, codebook development and new indicators. Emily leads the Canadian sub-national data collection team. A graduate of the Blavatnik School of Government Master of Public Policy (MPP 2016), Emily also holds an MSc in molecular anthropology from the University of Toronto. Prior to working with the OxCGRT, Emily has worked in genetic and public health research with Indigenous populations of Mexico and Canada, the UK Civil service in elite sport welfare policy and Brexit policy, and with EY in athlete and sport consultancy.

Erin Pichora (Canadian Institute for Health Information)

Erin Pichora is a Program Lead with the Canadian Population Health Initiative (CPHI) at the Canadian Institute for Health Information (CIHI), Ottawa, Ontario. Erin has been with CIHI for over 10 years and is responsible for leading research and analysis, evidence synthesis and performance measurement with the aim of supporting policymakers and health system managers in their efforts to improve population health and reduce health inequalities in Canada. Erin Pichora can be reached by e-mail at epichora@cihi.ca

Esuna Dugarova (UNDP-UN Women COVID-19 Global Gender Response Tracker)

Esuna Dugarova is Gender Specialist at UNDP New York, where she leads data analysis and research across thematic portfolios in the Gender Team. She holds a PhD in Asian Studies from Cambridge University and is originally from the Republic of Buryatia.

Hanmeng Xu (HIT-COVID project)

Hanmeng Xu, currently a second-year Master of Health Science student in Department of Epidemiology at Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. She has been contributing to the HIT-COVID database as a part-time research assistant since August 2020. In her role for HIT COVID project, she regularly performs data entry, data auditing and package development for the database. Her public health interests mainly focus on infectious disease epidemiology. She will be graduating this spring in 2021.



Presenters

Helen Tatlow (OxCGRT)

Helen is a Research Assistant for the OxCGRT. She is responsible for volunteer management, responding to technical queries, and developing the codebook and new indicators. Helen also worked as a consultant for the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) conducting COVID-19 research. Helen holds a first-class undergraduate honours degree in Geography from Keble College at the University of Oxford, and a Master's in Public Health from the University of Edinburgh.

Ian Orton (ILO)

Ian Orton is a Social Protection Policy Officer at the International Labour Organization's Social Protection Department. Previously, he worked for UNICEF's Social Inclusion and Policy Section, for BRAC and the International Social Security Association. His social policy interests have focused on social protection and the financial crisis, universal child benefits and UBI.

Luca Messerschmidt (CoronaNet Research Project)

Luca Messerschmidt (M) is a PhD candidate at the Chair for International Relations of TUM School of Governance and Principal Investigator to the CoronaNet Research Project. His research focuses on political and economic consequences of foreign aid and foreign direct investments. He studied at Zeppelin University, Friedrichshafen (BA in Politics, Administration and International Relations), the University of California, San Diego, and the University of Cambridge (MPhil in International Relations and Politics).

Lukas Lehner (Oxford Supertracker)

Lukas Lehner is a DPhil candidate at the Department of Social Policy and Intervention and at the Institute for New Economic Thinking at the Oxford Martin School. His research is funded by the UK Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC), the Scatcherd European and the Saven European scholarships of the University of Oxford. His research fields are comparative political economy and labour economics applying microeconomic and experimental methods. <https://www.spi.ox.ac.uk/people/lukas-lehner>

Lun Liu (Covid-19 Policy Tracker)

Dr Liu is an Assistant Professor and Research Scientist in the School of Government in Peking University. Her research focuses on quantitative analysis of public policy in particular urban and regional policies, policy modeling, and the application of AI algorithms. She has published more than thirty peer-reviewed papers, including top journals in urban studies such as *Computers, Environment and Urban Systems*, *Cities*, *Urban Studies*, *Environment and Planning A*. Her publications are featured as ESI Highly Cited Papers and journals' Most Downloaded Papers. She has also authored three books and several book chapters on big data, new technologies and urban/regional policy analysis



Presenters

Michal Rosen-Zvi (WNTRAC)

Dr. Rosen-Zvi is the Director for Health Informatics at IBM Research and a visiting Professor at the Faculty of Medicine, the Hebrew University. She is also heading the Health Informatics Department at IBM Research, Haifa. Michal holds a PhD in computational physics and completed her postdoctoral studies at UC Berkeley, UC Irvine, and the Hebrew University in the area of Machine Learning. She joined IBM Research in 2005 and has since led various projects in the area of machine learning and healthcare and was recognized for her contribution e.g. to AI technologies in wafer production and contributions to partnerships with pharmaceutical companies such as Guerbet and Teva. Michal has published more than 40 peer-reviewed papers. She is a member of IBM Industry Academy, a member of the Israeli National Council of Digital Health and Innovation at health services and she is co-leading a subcommittee on innovative and disruptive technologies.

Nikolas Lazar (COVID Border Accountability Project)

Nikolas Lazar is an undergraduate at Brown University studying the intersection of economics and education. He was a founding member and current portfolio manager for the COVID Border Accountability Project.

Olivier le Polain (WHO)

Olivier le Polain has joined WHO's Health Emergencies Programme in Geneva as an epidemiologist in early 2020, where he currently leads the analytics team as part of the epidemiology response pillar to COVID-19. Before joining WHO he worked as Deputy Director of Operations on the UK-Public Health Rapid Support Team at Public Health England, as well as various other roles as public health specialist and epidemiologists, including in Europe, Sub-Saharan Africa and South Asia. His main areas of interest are in surveillance and health information for decision making, infectious disease epidemiology, and the optimization of disease control interventions, particularly in crises and epidemics. He trained in medicine in Belgium, specialized in Public Health in the UK, is an alumnus of the European Programme for Intervention Epidemiology and holds a PhD in infectious disease epidemiology from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine.

Simon Porcher (IAE Paris - Université Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne)

Simon Porcher is Associate Professor of Management and Scientific Director of the Economics of Public-Private Partnership Chair at Sorbonne Business School, IAE Paris, Université Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne, France. His research, which mainly focuses on government contracting, has been published in the Public Administration Review, the Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory, PLOS One and Scientific Data among others. Simon was a Fellow and Visiting Lecturer (2014-2018) at the London School of Economics, an invited professor at the Institute of Water Policy of the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy of the National University of Singapore (2018) and a Robert Schuman Fellow (2013) at the European University Institute. He holds a Phd from IAE Paris - Université Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne and graduated from the Paris School of Economics and Sciences Po Paris.



Presenters

Sophia Zweig (Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health)

Sophia Zweig, ScM is the Research Data Manager for the HIT-COVID database at Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. In this role she performs data management, quality assurance, volunteer management, and works on various research projects. Her public health interests include social epidemiology and health inequities. She has a master's degree in infectious disease epidemiology from Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health and she will begin medical school later this year. She hopes to continue a career in public health as a physician.

Steve Penson (ACAPS)

Steve is a data scientist working for ACAPS. He has a background in geographical information systems (GIS), data engineering and data science and previously worked as a Consultant for a London and Cambridge based technology consultancy. He is also a volunteer with MapAction and the Humanitarian OpenStreetMap Team. Steve has supported the transformation of data management systems at ACAPS and is currently deployed with the ACAPS Yemen Analysis Hub based out of Amman, Jordan. Steve holds a BSc in Geography from the University of Sheffield and is also a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society.

Tatjana Buklijas (International Network for Government Science Advice)

Tatjana is a historian of science & medicine and STS scholar with a longstanding interest in the relationship between scientific disciplines and political contexts (e.g. science and nationalism, science and democratic innovation).

Tanja Schmidt (WHO)

Tanja Schmidt took up the position of Evaluation Officer, with the WHO Health Emergencies Programme, at the WHO Regional Office for Europe in September 2016. She has extensive country work experience having contributed to the development and rolling out of the IHR Monitoring and Evaluation Framework under the International Health Regulations in the Region, specifically joint external evaluations, after action reviews and simulation exercises as well as relevant training courses. Supporting the COVID-19 response, she is function lead of the public health and social measures response pillar which includes providing technical advice to countries on PHSM implementation and leading a team that is tracking and visualizing PHSM responses in the European Region featured on the public EURO PHSM dashboard. Before joining WHO, she worked for the Overseas Development Institute, the International Initiative for Impact Evaluation and the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine as an evaluation specialist for impact evaluations, systematic reviews and programme evaluations covering topics such as social protection, education and access to health services. Ms Schmidt holds an undergraduate degree in Development Economics from the School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London, and a postgraduate degree in Public Health from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine.



Presenters

Thomas Hale (OxCGRT)

Dr Thomas Hale is the Associate Professor in Public Policy (Global Public Policy) at the Blavatnik School of Government, University of Oxford. His research explores how we can manage transnational problems effectively and fairly. He seeks to explain how political institutions evolve – or not – to face the challenges raised by globalisation and interdependence, with a particular emphasis on environmental, economic and health issues. Dr Thomas Hale is the principal investigator of the OxCGRT project.

Tim Büthe Hochschule für Politik at the Technical University of Munich

Tim Büthe is Professor and Chair for International Relations at the Hochschule für Politik at the Technical University of Munich (TUM), the TUM School of Governance and the TUM School of Management, as well as a Senior Fellow of Duke University and Kenan Institute for Ethics. He studied political science, economics, history and law at Goethe-Universität, Harvard, Stanford and Columbia (PhD 2002). His research on regulatory politics and policy in global markets includes work on the governance of medical instruments and devices and on technology governance, focusing on health-IT and electronic medical records, which he has pursued inter alia as a Robert-Wood-Johnson Foundation Scholar in Health Policy at the University of California, Berkeley and UCSF.

Qulu Zheng (HIT-COVID)

Qulu Zheng is the cholera taxonomy data coordinator in the infectious disease dynamics group at Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. She mainly coordinates the regular data entry into the cholera taxonomy database, conducts data quality control, and collaborates with other cholera dynamics team members on various projects. Her research focuses on the dynamics of cholera outbreaks in sub-Saharan Africa. At the beginning of the pandemic, she was responsible for the daily management of global contributors for the HIT-COVID project.

Yuxi Zhang (OxCGRT)

Yuxi Zhang is a postdoctoral research fellow at the Blavatnik School of Government, University of Oxford. She did her DPhil degree in Social Policy at Oxford. Her research looks at the Chinese healthcare reform in the 2010s.



List of Attending Trackers

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- [Bogazici University](#)
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Non-Presenting Co-Organizers

Annika Kaiser (CoronaNet Research Project)

Annika is double majoring in the M.Sc. Program “Politics and Technology” at the Technical University of Munich and the B.Sc program Economics at the Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich. Beforehand, she attained a double bachelor in History and Political Science at the Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich. She has been part of the CoronaNet project since May 2020 as a research assistant, country manager of Nigeria, regional manager of East Africa, and is helping to organize the COVID-19 PHSMs Data Coverage Conference.

Ezgi Caki (CoronaNet Research Project)

Ezgi Caki is studying in the M.Sc. Program “Politics and Technology” at the Technical University of Munich. She has been contributing to the CoronaNet Research Project database as a research assistant since June 2020. She is a co-regional manager of Eastern Europe Western Asia, country manager of Turkey and Thuringia. She is currently helping to organize the COVID-19 PHSMs Data Coverage Conference.

Klea Vogli (CoronaNet Research Project)

Klea is pursuing M.Sc. in Politics and Technology at the Technical University of Munich. She holds a B.Sc. in Political Science and International Relations from Epoka University. She has been part of the CoronaNet Research project since April 2020 as a research assistant, Regional Manager of Northern Europe, Data Validation Manager and co-regional manager of Eastern Europe and Western Asia.

Stephanie Bourke-Altman (Complexity Science Hub Vienna)

Stephanie Bourke-Altman joined the Complexity Science Hub Vienna as Office and Event Manager in April 2020. She studied International Development at the University of Vienna focusing on Peace and Conflict Research with a special interest in ‘fragile states’, their effect on different parts of society and their implications for development cooperation. Stephanie lived in London for several years where she managed a small independent pottery studio, and from 2015 – 2018 worked at the Austrian Cultural Forum, planning and managing cultural projects such as “Social Justice through culture”. Before returning to Vienna, Stephanie briefly explored the corporate sector and spent a couple of years in Dublin, working for a multinational in the healthcare industry.

Verena Ahne (Complexity Science Hub Vienna)

Verena Ahne has been Head of Knowledge Transfer & Dissemination at the Complexity Science Hub Vienna since September 2017. She earned her master’s degree in cultural anthropology, linguistics, philosophy, and science theory from the University of Vienna. From 2000 to 2017 she worked as a freelance science, health, and medical writer mainly for Austrian and German quality media. From 2016 to 2017, Verena was employed as scientific assistant and medical writer at the Danube University Krems. In 2014 Verena received an Austrian state award (special prize) for science writing.

Alexandra Williams Logo Artist