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« The social science contribution in the framing of the Covid-19 pandemic »

The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and the associated public health measures was initially framed in medical and epidemiological terms, shortly followed by economic considerations. However the pandemic and its management also have major social and psychological consequences that need to be researched and taken into account in official responses. In this presentation, two different aspects will be more specifically covered. First, results on the social, economic and psychological consequences of the COVID-19 crisis on different groups of the population will be described, showing how the pandemic exacerbates and makes visible pre-existing inequalities across social positions, gender and generations. Second, elements relating to perceptions of risks and behaviors, along contrasted interpretations of the crisis, its consequences and solutions will be discussed. The presentation thus aims at showing the contribution that the social sciences can offer to the unfolding of the current pandemic.

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