

International Webinar on

‘History of Pandemics and its Multifaceted Impact on the Global World’

Organized by the Department of Political Science & the Department of History,
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Activity Report

As the world tries desperately to contain the Covid-19 pandemic that has claimed millions of lives and the world is faced with an unprecedented Government ordered lockdowns across the globe to flatten the curve of the spread of the virus, this webinar aims at providing two specific goals: i) to provide essential information on the histories of pandemics for its better understanding and ii) reveal the various social, political and economic context of the disease’s outbreak. Most of us may not have taken many STEM courses and don’t realize the importance of disease cycles, the role of animals in zoonosis and the fascinating differences between bacteria and viral infections. This international webinar helped its listeners, primarily students from across all disciplines and faculties to gather knowledge about some of the history of these diseases so that we can be better informed, understand and be well versed in medical and related health issues. Epidemics and pandemics are as old as the civilization itself. From the Roman Byzantine empires to the onset of colonization in modern times, pandemics and epidemics have widely wiped-out population and changed the course of history with changing socio-political impacts. It also focused on the human actions in its multifaceted context which in its due course has facilitated the spread of the disease with rising population, its mobility, and growth of cities, environmental changes, societal transformations, economy, war and globalization. Resource persons from across the fields of history, political science, sociology as well as bio-technology reiterated how ecological balance and social harmony can be achieved despite the havoc wreaked by epidemics and pandemics since human history.