STOA meets experts

'Coping with the pandemic: Psychosocial consequences of the corona crisis'

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Study presentation and discussion | Online event (Webex Meetings)

Enforced collective social isolation during the coronavirus crisis has led to unprecedented society changes. Each of us have dealt with stress factors resulting from social distancing, reduced interpersonal connections, work and school challenges, and many more. At the same time, we have retained a sense of connectivity and belonging through the use of technology. This new unique set of circumstances has yielded unprecedented impacts on our psychological makeup and our interaction with the collective. What psychosocial and mental health affected us during the pandemic? Which stressors have contributed to the development of mental health issues? Which protective factors can strengthen resilience and mental health? This STOA event will attempt to answer these questions and discuss policy options to strengthen the EU common response to the coronavirus outbreak.

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Speakers' biographies

Eva KAILI, MEP and STOA Chair

Eva Kaili has been a Member of the European Parliament (MEP), part of the Hellenic S&D Delegation, since 2014. She is Chair of the European Parliament’s Panel for the Future of Science and Technology (STOA) and its Centre for Artificial Intelligence (C4AI), member of the Committee on Industry, Research and Energy (ITRE), and substitute member of the Committees on Economic and Monetary Affairs (ECON), and on Budgets (BUDG), and of the Special Committee on Artificial Intelligence in a Digital Age (AIDA). Eva is a member of the delegation to the ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly (DACP), and a substitute member of the delegation for relations with the Arab Peninsula (DARP), and of the delegation for relations with the NATO Parliamentary Assembly (DNAT).

As MEP, Eva has been working intensively on promoting innovation as a driving force of the establishment of the European Digital Single Market. She has been the draftsperson of multiple pieces of legislation in the fields of blockchain technology, online platforms, big data, fintech, AI and cybersecurity, as well as the ITRE draftsperson on the Juncker Plan EFSI2 and, more recently, the InvestEU programme. She is the founder of the Future Forum, a network of influential politicians, officials and public figures promoting innovation. She has also been the Chair of the Delegation to the NATO Parliamentary Assembly, focusing on Defence and Security of Europe. Prior to that, she was elected as a Member of the Hellenic Parliament (2007-2012), with the PanHellenic Socialist Movement (PASOK). She also worked as a journalist and newscaster prior to her political career. She holds a Bachelor degree in Architecture and Civil Engineering, and postgraduate degree in European Politics.

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Angela Kunzler, Leibniz Institute for Resilience Research (LIR) and Department of Psychiatry and Psychotherapy, University Medical Center Mainz, Germany

Dr Angela Kunzlers is Research Associate in the group of Prof Klaus Lieb at the Leibniz Institute for Resilience Research (LIR) and at the Department of Psychiatry and Psychotherapy of the University Medical Center Mainz, Germany. She studied Psychology at the University of Marburg and obtained her PhD in Psychology at the Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz. Her fields of expertise are systematic reviews and meta-analyses on diverse research questions, especially interventions to foster mental health and resilience in various population groups. Recently, she has focused on (living) evidence syntheses on mental health impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic as well as interventions to foster mental health amid the pandemic in different groups, including healthcare workers, children and adolescents, or patients. In the CEOsys project (www.covid-evidenz.de), as part of the German national network of academic medical research into Covid-19 (Nationale Forschungsnetzwerk der Universitätsmedizin, NUM), funded by the Federal Ministry of Education and Research of Germany, she coordinates the activities in a topic area on mental health. She is the first author of the STOA study ‘How are we coping with the pandemic? Mental health and resilience amid the Covid-19 pandemic in the European Union’.
Eleni Andreouli, The Open University, United Kingdom

Dr Eleni Andreouli is Senior Lecturer in the School of Psychology & Counselling at the Open University, UK. She studied psychology and completed her postgraduate degree and doctoral thesis at the London School of Economics and Political Science. Dr Andreouli’s research examines citizenship practices from the perspectives of citizens’ own experiences, with a focus on the contexts of Britain and Greece. She has researched public views on the European Union, Brexit and immigration. She is currently interested in public policy and political discourse on Covid-19 and their impacts on the psychosocial aspects of citizenship.

Peter Liese, MEP (EPP)

Dr Peter Liese is a Member of the European Parliament (MEP) and EPP Coordinator in the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety. He is a substitute Member in the Committee on Budgets Member in the Delegation for relations with the countries of Central America and a Member in the Delegation to the Euro-Latin American Parliamentary Assembly. He obtained his medical Studies in Marburg, Aachen and Bonn. Attained his PhD from the Human Genetics Institute of the University Bonn. Occupation as doctor in Guatemala. Ward physician in the children’s hospital in Paderborn, Germany (till 1994). Physician in a group practice (1994–2002), District Chairman of the Junge Union (1991-1997). Member of the Council of the Municipal Bestwig (1989-1994). Member of the Central Committee of German Catholics (since 1997). Member of the federal executive Board of the CDU. Member of the European Parliament for the region Südwestfalen (South Westphalia) since 1994.

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