

# "This could be the turning point": rethinking times and spaces of academic work as a result of Covid-19, 1 July 2021



00:14:15 Raveenthiran Vivekanantharasa: Greetings to all from Sri Lanka

00:14:58 Raveenthiran Vivekanantharasa: i am an academic, The Open University of Sri Lanka, Sri Lanka

00:17:53 Taina Saarinen: <https://echer.org/>

00:42:38 Simon Marginson: It is time to begin to talk about how your and our time/space are changing in the continuing pandemic time. Please enter the Q&A by indicating in the chat that you want to speak!

00:45:43 Yael Harlap: This was very interesting - thank you! My colleague and I are starting a project looking at how academics are thinking about teaching in the light of pandemic teaching - I was curious whether

00:45:50 Yael Harlap: Oops, that went too soon.

00:46:04 Yael Harlap: I was curious whether your participants spoke about teaching and whether anything has been visible there.

00:46:14 Yael Harlap: (In your findings)

00:51:13 Doria Abdullah: interesting presentation! did your respondents indicate aspects beyond time & space, such as health impacts of working throughout the pandemic (back pain!), and trust deficit from heads of departments to academics?

00:52:03 Ian McNay: I have not been in to the office since February 2020 - it is a 2 hour journey on public transport which my wife wants me to avoid. It has been a progression of the pre-Covid situation where I was moved from a single occupancy office to sharing with two other professors and then with 14 varied academic colleagues., where we were allowed one shelf for all books and papers. I felt forced to work from home before Covid and asked what rent the university would pay for my son's bedroom, now a study. In fact, I do most of my work in the dining room - we do not have people for dinner currently, and there is a big table to spread papers on, rather than a small crowded desk. My wife is very tolerant.

00:52:11 Hong Bui: The pandemic has brought a positive thing to my work: more international and global collaborations are made more easily. I can do more work than

'normal' (saving traveling time), brainstorm greater ideas, and consequently feel meaningful to the world.

00:52:12 Syafiqah Abdul Rahim: I though it would just be fun to share that the artefact, time-space in your preliminary findings are also quite similar for those who are working in non-academic environment! Table/ shelves/schedules on calendar/ new coffee cups as an artefact that initiate agency. :)

00:55:15 Ian McNay: Ah, I tried to start a new paragraph and got sent. The thing that has interested me with zoom meetings is how academics parade their bookcases as part of their identity, with their books in some cases beig extracted and placed with the cover facing an audience with title and author name prominent. There is also something implied about the study as used before the lockdown and now on public display so a brand promition message is also included in place and artefacts.

00:55:43 Penny Welch: How much did your participants miss the random encounters with colleagues and students that happen on campus?

01:00:14 Syafiqah Abdul Rahim: I realise that too Ian! Interesting observation!

01:02:35 Kristina Hultgren: Thank you very much for a great and very topical presentation. I was curious as to whether you have any plans for impact of this research on higher education policy and if so what might this be or is it too early to say?

01:08:12 CGHE Webinars: Thank you for joining us today. A recording of this session will be on the CGHE site tomorrow: <https://www.researchcghe.org/events/cghe-seminar/this-could-be-the-turning-point-rethinking-times-and-spaces-of-academic-work-as-a-result-of-covid-19/>

01:09:34 CGHE Webinars: Our next webinar will be on Tuesday and is the first part of a two-part series on next week. 'Women's leadership in higher education: Global opportunity, global challenge' is up first. You can register here: <https://www.researchcghe.org/events/cghe-seminar/womens-leadership-in-higher-education-global-opportunity-global-challenge/>

01:09:38 Syed Farhan Shakeel: Online learning and collaboration via Zoom has been one of the best things for most in Pakistan including I. This is a blessing from Divine, it is a matter of perspective really

01:10:06 CGHE Webinars: Part two is on Thursday, 'The diverse dimensions of gender equality in women's higher education leadership'. <https://www.researchcghe.org/events/cghe-seminar/the-diverse-dimensions-of-gender-equality-in-womens-higher-education-leadership/>

01:16:29 Cristina Carvalho: Thanks all! It is relevant presentation. Congratulations!

01:18:17 Syafiqah Abdul Rahim: Thank you everyone! Such a vibrant discussion, Congratulations Melina, Tehri and Taina for great research!

01:19:36 Victorița Trif: Thank you!

01:19:59 Taina Saarinen: Thank you all for your great interest and great comments and discussion!

01:20:34 Maryam Imtiaz Qurashi: Thanks

01:22:43 Hong Bui: Thank you, Simon and speakers for the talk and discussion.

01:24:38 Yael Harlap: Thank you for this!

01:24:43 Raveenthiran Vivekanantharasa: Fantastic...webinar