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Pandemic, Governance, and Comparative Public Opinion Research



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***PUBLIC OPINION, PANDEMIC AND GOVERNANCE
IN EUROPE AND EURASIA
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Impact of Pandemic upon Governance

- Restrictions on freedom of movement within countries and between regions and countries
- Restrictions on freedom of association
- No physical meetings of parliaments
- No physical meetings of party members
- No physical meetings of party supporters
- No physical meetings of NGOs and Civil Society Organisations
- Violations of Constitution

Pandemic Effects on Governance and Political Behaviour

- Restrictions of public demonstrations and protests
- Restrictions on electoral campaigns
- No public speeches of candidates at elections rallies
- Digitalisation of Election campaigns
- Steep increase of postal voting
- Digital participation and new social media is partially replacing conventional and unconventional political behavior

Long-term Effects of Pandemic for Future of Governance

- Currently: Strengthening of Governments and Weakening of Parliaments
- Long-Term Effects depend on the duration of the Pandemic
- The shorter the Pandemic the smaller the long-term consequences
- The longer the Pandemic, the bigger the long-term consequences
- Restrictions on Freedom of movement
- The sooner a global vaccination is implemented the sooner a return to the status-quo-ante is possible

Impact of Pandemic upon Survey Methodology in Eurasia

- **ARMENIA** – Prof Dr Gevork Pogoshyan – Institute of Sociology – Armenian Academy of Sciences - Erevan
- No Face-to-Face interviews possible. Surveys done currently in 2 modes, telephone interviews and online surveys
- **BELARUS** – Prof Dr David Rotman – Belarus State University - Minsk
- No Face-to-Face interviews possible until March 2021. Surveys done currently in 2 modes, telephone interviews and online surveys

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- **GEORGIA** – Dr Merab Pachulia – GORBI – Tblisi
- No Face-to-face interviews between March and August 2020. Since September 2020, Face-to-Face Interviews are again conducted with special health training of interviewers (Face mask, gloves, disinfectants)
- **KAZAKSTAN** – Dr Gulzhan Alimbekova – CIOM - Almaty
- No Face-to-Face interviews possible. Surveys done currently in 2 modes, telephone interviews and online surveys

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- **MOLDOVA** – Dr Olga T Danii – Opinia – Chisinau
- Currently only Telephone Surveys in CATI mode
- **RUSSIA** – Prof Dr Alexander Gasparishvili – Moscow State University - Moscow
- Online surveys, for example of 40.000 University students in the Russian Federation

Time Plan for next Eurasia Barometer in 2021

- Possible Start Date for fieldwork in traditional mode of Face-to-Face Interviews in CAPI Mode:
- Option 1: May – June 2021
- Option 2: September – October 2021
- Possible Start Date for combined Online Websurvey – Telephone CATI survey:
- Option 3: February – April 2021