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November Corona Update: Aktuelle Studien, Analysen und Kommentare

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Die Corona-Krise hat über die erheblichen gesundheitlichen Risiken und Folgen hinaus weitreichende Auswirkungen auf die Wirtschaft, Sicherheit, Forschung, Innen- und Außenpolitik sowie das gesellschaftliche Leben in den Vereinigten Staaten. Namhafte US-amerikanische Think Tanks und Experten setzen sich intensiv mit den unterschiedlichen Aspekten und Herausforderungen dieser in ihrem Umfang und ihrer Schnelligkeit beispiellosen Krise auseinander. Für einen Überblick über den aktuellen Stand der Diskussion stellt das KAS-Auslandsbüro USA mit Sitz in Washington D.C. monatlich eine Auswahl an Studien, Analysen und Kommentaren jeweils mit Links zu den Beiträgen zusammen.

“Reimagining the global economy: Building back better in a post-COVID-19 world”

Quelle: Brookings Institution (November 17, 2020)

John McArthur, Director, Center for Sustainable Development, et al.

In this [multi-chapter report](#), consisting of a collection of 12 essays, leading scholars affiliated with the Global Economy and Development Program at Brookings present ideas aiming to guide policies and shape debates in a post-COVID-19 world. Topics covered include sustainable development goals, leadership at the local level, multilateralism and the climate agenda.

“12 Million Workers Facing Jobless Benefit Cliff on December 26”

Quelle: The Century Foundation (November 18, 2020)

Andrew Stettner, Senior Fellow and Elizabeth Pancotti, Contributor

According to this [study](#), the COVID-19 pandemic unleashed record levels of unemployment and unemployment claims, with 9.5 million Americans filing applications by the end of March alone, and millions more in the months that followed. The authors state that with no end to the pandemic in sight, and a cutoff of nearly all federal unemployment benefits by year's end, “inaction by Congress could mean that millions of American families will enter the New Year with little or no means of support.”

“De-Globalisation? Global Value Chains in the Post-COVID-19 Age”

Quelle: Harvard University (November 16, 2020)

Pol Antràs, Robert G. Ory Professor of Economics

This [paper](#) evaluates the extent to which the world economy has entered a phase of de-globalisation, and it offers some speculative thoughts on the future of global value chains in the post-COVID-19 age. Although the growth of international trade flows relative to that of GDP has slowed down since the Great Recession, this paper finds little systematic evidence indicating that the world economy has already entered an era of de-globalisation.

“Coronavirus Crisis Update: Dr. Jonathan (Jono) Quick – Transcending Pandemic Denial, Fatigue and Anger”

Quelle: Center for Strategic and International Studies (November 9, 2020)

J. Stephen Morrison, Senior Vice President and Director, Global Health Policy Center, CSIS and Dr. Jonathan (Jono) Quick, Managing Director for Pandemic Response, Preparedness and Prevention, Rockefeller Foundation

In this [podcast](#) episode, Jono Quick gives an overview of the history of “faulty” responses to pandemics. He asks why we “descend into the valley of complacency” so often? What are the essential steps to take now, modeled perhaps after the 9/11 Commission, to remember this profound moment? How do we transcend our divisions, born of pandemic denial, pandemic fatigue and pandemic anger?

“Covid-19 - The Biden-Harris plan to beat COVID-19”

Quelle: Biden-Harris campaign (November 2020)

This [document](#) lays out the Biden-Harris transition’s plan to “beat COVID-19.” It entails seven priorities, including “to ensure all Americans have access to regular, reliable, and free testing, to fix personal protective equipment (PPE) problems, to provide clear, consistent, evidence-based guidance for how communities should navigate the pandemic and a plan for the effective, equitable distribution of treatments and vaccines.”

“A Tale Of Two Pandemics - The Nordic response to COVID-19 reveals a dark side of consensus politics.”

Quelle: Berggruen Institute (November 12, 2020)

Fabrizio Tassinari, Berggruen Fellow

This [essay](#) evaluates how neighbors such as Sweden and Denmark took drastically different approaches to their coronavirus responses, “with a quest for herd immunity in the former case and draconian lockdowns in the latter case. Supposedly very close in their underlying social and political structures, and making decisions on the basis of evidence, science and rigorous public management, Sweden and Denmark nonetheless adopted wildly divergent responses.”

“Scientific Brief: Community Use of Cloth Masks to Control the Spread of SARS-CoV-2”

Quelle: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (November 20, 2020)

Content source: National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases (NCIRD), Division of Viral Diseases

The CDC [scientific brief](#) states that SARS-CoV-2 infection is transmitted predominately by respiratory droplets generated when people cough, sneeze, sing, talk, or breathe. The CDC recommends community use of masks, specifically non-valved multi-layer cloth masks to prevent transmission of SARS-CoV-2. The CDC further explains that masks are primarily intended to reduce the emission of virus-laden droplets (“source control”), which is especially relevant for asymptomatic or presymptomatic infected wearers.

“Is the Coronavirus Catalyzing New Civic Collaborations for Open Government?”

Quelle: Carnegie Endowment for International Peace (November 23, 2020)

Abigail Bellows, Nonresident Scholar Democracy, Conflict, and Governance Program

According to this [paper](#) the pandemic has dramatically changed the operations of elite and grassroots actors alike. The impact of those changes on collaboration between the two depends on preexisting levels of technological capacity. The paper states that in places with limited connectivity, the pandemic has exacerbated the digital divide, adversely affecting grassroots actors. The authors conclude that in places with good connectivity, technology is enabling broader (though shallower) participation, laying the groundwork for more elite-grassroots collaboration.

“How people around the world see the World Health Organization’s initial coronavirus response”

Quelle: Pew Research Center (November 12, 2020)

Mara Mordecai, Research Assistant

According to the author, the World Health Organization (WHO) has played a controversial role in the global response to the coronavirus pandemic. At the same time, the WHO is helping coordinate the international rollout of potential vaccines and treatments for COVID-19. As the WHO holds its 73rd World Health Assembly, this [survey](#) takes a look at how people in 14 advanced economies view the organization’s initial COVID-19 response.

“COVID-19 Has Claimed the Lives of 100,000 Long-Term Care Residents and Staff”

Quelle: Kaiser Family Foundation (November 25, 2020)

Tricia Neuman, Senior Vice President, Executive Director, Program on Medicare Policy, Senior Advisor to the President, et al.

According to this [analysis](#) of state-reported data, COVID-19 has claimed the lives of more than

100,000 long-term care facility residents and staff as of the last week in November. This finding comes at a time when public health experts are predicting a surge in cases after holiday gatherings and increased time indoors due to winter weather, which will have ripple effects on hospitals and nursing homes, given the close relationship between community spread and cases in congregate care settings.

“Mobility network models of COVID-19 explain inequities and inform reopening”

Quelle: Nature (November 10, 2020)

Serina Chang, Department of Computer Science, Stanford University, et al.

This pre-publication [study](#) states that the COVID-19 pandemic dramatically changed human mobility patterns, necessitating epidemiological models which capture the effects of changes in mobility on virus spread. This model suggests that a small minority of “superspreader points of interest” account for a large majority of infections. The model also predicts higher infection rates among disadvantaged racial and socioeconomic groups solely from differences in mobility.

“Governors Announce Small Business Aid Alongside Restrictions”

Quelle: The Pew Charitable Trusts (November 25, 2020)

Sophie Quinton, Staff Writer

This [research article](#) describes that in the past six weeks, Governors of both parties have approved hundreds of millions of dollars in aid for small businesses, nonprofits and renters struggling through the coronavirus pandemic and recession. If states don’t allocate federal aid they received in March by the end of the year, they have to return unspent funds to the U.S. Treasury.

“The Covid-19 Pandemic as a Chance for an Updated German Foreign Policy”

Quelle: German American Conference, Harvard University (November 23, 2020)

Speaker: Jens Spahn, German Federal Minister of Health

Moderator: Anne McElvoy, Senior Editor at the Economist and Head of Economist Radio

This [virtual keynote](#) by the German Minister of Health Jens Spahn at Harvard’s German American Conference addresses leadership issues during the twenty-first century’s first global health crisis. Questions raised include: Do the challenges imposed by Covid-19 set an impulse for changes not only concerning digitization but also for international cooperation? What does the crisis imply for an updated German foreign policy?

“Trends in Outpatient Care Delivery and Telemedicine During the COVID-19 Pandemic in the US”

Quelle: Journal of the American Medical Association (October 14, 2020)

Sadiq Y. Patel, PHD, MS, MSW, et al.

According to this [research letter](#), the COVID-19 pandemic has dramatically altered patterns of health care delivery in the US. In the context of declining in-person outpatient visits, many clinicians began using telemedicine for the first time, spurred in part by regulatory changes that expanded public and private insurer reimbursement for a wider range of telemedicine services. This research examines telemedicine and in-person outpatient visits in 2020 among a national sample of 16.7 million individuals.

“Sparkling Jewels, Opaque Supply Chains - Jewelry Companies, Changing Sourcing Practices, and Covid-19”

Quelle: Human Rights Watch (November 24, 2020)

According to this [report](#), the Covid-19 pandemic has demonstrated the fragility of global supply chains and the vulnerability of people working at the bottom of these supply chains. In the mining sector, the pandemic has had devastating effects on workers and communities around the world. This report also scrutinizes and ranks 15 major jewelry companies for their efforts to prevent and address human rights abuses in their gold and diamond supply chains.

“Nine Months of COVID-19: The Impact on South Asia”

Quelle: Hudson Institute (November 19, 2020)

Aparna Pande, Director, Initiative on the Future of India and South Asia and Husain Haqqani, Director for South and Central Asia

This [policy memo](#) focuses on the Covid-19 pandemic in India, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Nepal and Sri Lanka and concludes that “the economic consequences of COVID-19 on South Asia are proving to be even greater than the healthcare challenges in the region. Different South Asian countries have dealt with the pandemic in various ways, but the economic costs overall seem to be higher than the healthcare consequences.”

“Will This School Year Be Another Casualty of the Pandemic? Key Findings from the American Educator Panels Fall 2020 COVID-19 Surveys”

Quelle: RAND Corporation (November 16, 2020)

Julia H. Kaufman, Senior Policy Researcher and
Melissa Diliberti, Assistant Policy Researcher,
RAND.

This [research report](#) discusses the questions of what teaching and learning looks like as schools are reopening this fall in the face of the pandemic. Key findings include (1) most schools are still providing either wholly or partially remote instruction, (2) students are less prepared to participate in grade-level work, (3) the pandemic has lowered teacher morale and contributed to increased burnout and (4) access to digital devices and the internet continues to be a problem.

Weitere Kurzbeiträge:

“The damage we cause when we close down schools — it’s worse than you think”

Quelle: American Enterprise Institute (November 12, 2020)

James Pethokoukis, Editor, AEIdeas, DeWitt Wallace Fellow

This [blog](#) discusses the effects of corona-induced remote learning. The author asserts that “whatever happens next, we need to move heaven and earth in a creative and audacious way to keep schools open and get more kids back into classrooms for in-person learning.”

“Why bankruptcies have declined during the economic shock”

Quelle: Peterson Institute for International Economics (November 9, 2020)

Simeon Djankov, Senior Fellow

This [issue watch](#) shows that during the first half of 2020, the number of corporate bankruptcy filings in the United States fell by 10 percent relative to last year. The other major industrial democratic economies in the G7 show the same pattern. The author claims that “the reason for this decline is simple: The COVID-19 pandemic has induced governments in all G7 countries to temporarily amend bankruptcy procedures, providing lifelines to keep firms alive through the crisis.”

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Für die aktuellen Zahlen zur Coronakrise in den USA:

<https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2020/us/coronavirus-us-cases.html>

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