

Call for Papers

- Special Issue -
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Management Studies – IJCDMS**

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Aim and Scope

The entire world is facing drastic stress and changes due to the Coronavirus disease (COVID-19). On the positive note, the Black Lives Matter has been taken to the next level as the expression of demands for the social and economic restructuring of societies. In North America, the Black Lives Matter (BLM) movement's energy has exploded through local and national protests and other acts of social resistance to inequality and injustice. Activists have taken aim at the criminal justice system and are advocating for widespread and significant reform of the criminal justice system. In the meantime, BLM expects to expand the dialogue, create a new social curriculum, and develop community events that question structural racism, putting in place policies that promote equity for Black and other marginalized communities. Throughout Canada and the United States, when compared to other sub-populations, Black communities have long suffered at the lower levels of the socio-economic and psycho-social scale. The stresses of the COVID-19 crisis will worsen these conditions leading to longer periods of unemployment, increasing difficulty to pay bills and to manage other obligations.

Therefore, it is important to examine and explore innovative strategies for social and economic transformation and take advantage of this opportunity for change to which BLM has given a new and vital voice.

This Special Issue of the International Journal of Community Development and Management Studies (IJCDMS) aims to publish articles (original research, applied research, community practices, case studies and reviews) that tackles in general, issues related to community transformation, and in a specific up-to-date overview of strategies and practice that can

improve “Black and other visible minority” lives during and following the Coronavirus pandemic.

In addition to the fact that the BLM movement has created new networks, new collaborations between governments and international organizations, among local grassroots community agencies, the current state of emergency potentially serves as an opportunity for positive government action and transformative change. Therefore, we encourage scholars and practitioners from different scientific backgrounds, industries and communities, to submit their research on social and community responses in Canada and around the world, particularly **as the Covid-19 pandemic (a global condition that may repeat itself in the future) reveals and sensitizes us to the salient factors of our social and economic dependencies.**

Deadline and Submission Details

Preliminary abstract: Due September 15, 2020

Article: Due Oct. 17, 2020

Processing time: 10 working days for feedback to authors

Note: Submissions will be processed as soon as they are received.

The submission deadline of October 17, 2020, coincides with Black Poetry Day.
(please notify us should you need an extension)

This special issue will feature empirical, methodological, applied and theoretical papers as well as literary criticism and case studies. It covers the full spectrum of this interdisciplinary field, containing diverse methods and perspectives that include anthropology, art, economics, law, literature, management science, political science, psychology, sociology, social policy research, information technology and digital innovation, and others.

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