

## “Health Inequality Determinants in the Pandemic, Social Justice and Rights”

A ROUNDTABLE – for the 3rd EUROPEAN PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK #EPHW2021

<b>When?</b>	Friday, 21 May, 16.00 – 18.00 EEST (GMT +3)
<b>Full Title</b>	Health determinants and inequality in the time of the COVID-19 pandemic: social justice and human rights
<b>LINK - click at the specified time and date</b>	<a href="https://zoom.us/j/97406204177?pwd=VXRDRmoyN1c1T01JaE4zUmVaYXZndz09">https://zoom.us/j/97406204177?pwd=VXRDRmoyN1c1T01JaE4zUmVaYXZndz09</a> Meeting ID: 974 0620 4177   Passcode: 784539
<b>Registration</b>	We kindly encourage you to register <a href="#">here</a>
<b>What?</b>	<p>An interdisciplinary roundtable on health inequality determinants, social justice, rights and COVID-19. Experts in medicine, public health, bioethics, and applied psychology come together in a discussion on: health promotion research and inequalities; perception of risk and health behaviour, framework conditions for ethical decision-making, public health and COVID-19.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ <i>What are the framework conditions for ethical decision-making in a public health emergency?</i></li><li>✓ <i>How can evidence and tools gained from multidisciplinary research be translated to inform equitable public health actions during the COVID-19 pandemic?</i></li><li>✓ <i>How can self- and dyadic-regulation mechanisms promote public health?</i></li><li>✓ <i>How can knowledge about country-wide individuation and collectivism patterns inform policies to increase social connection across generations?</i></li><li>✓ <i>What are the main challenges encountered to assess the interplay of different determinants and how can different disciplines contribute?</i></li></ul>
<b>Who?</b>	<p>The co-organizers, under the aegis of The University of Crete Research Centre for the Humanities, the Social and Education Sciences (UCRC), are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Health Promotion Unit of the Clinic of Social and Family Medicine (CSFM) of the University of Crete (UCRC affiliate)</li><li>• The Centre for Bioethics (UCRC)</li><li>• The Applied Psychology Laboratory (UCRC)</li><li>• EUPHA IDC - Infectious Disease Control Section</li></ul>
<b>Language</b>	<b>English</b> , with simultaneous interpretation in <b>Greek</b> and in <b>Spanish</b> . We gratefully acknowledge the support of the <a href="#">Ionian University</a> , <a href="#">PEEMPIP</a> , <a href="#">ASETRAD</a> and <a href="#">FIT Europe</a> .
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## Program and Abstracts

### 16.00 Welcome & Introduction

Co-Chairs:

[Christos Lionis](#), Director of CSFM, Professor of General Practice and Primary Health Care, University of Crete, Steering Committee EUPHA Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion

[Maria Kousis](#), Director of UCRC, Professor, Department of Sociology

### 16.10 Framework conditions for ethical decision-making in a public health emergency

[Stavroula Tsinorema](#), Professor of Modern & Contemporary Philosophy and Bioethics, and Director, Centre for Bioethics (UCRC)

Ethical aspects of public health interventions in the current pandemic will be discussed. Areas of ethical concern will be identified and a framework of principles for decision-making will be briefly defended, particularly in view of meeting challenges of conflicting demands. Focal issues will be access to public health care, public health planning and response from the standpoint of principles of fairness, equity, solidarity as well as respect for persons and their fundamental rights. The consequentialist logic of "weighing" costs and benefits, and of "balancing" goods or, indeed, rights, will be found to be an inadequate means of meeting challenges and arriving at ethically robust public health policies.

### 16.20 Towards evidence-informed integration of care in the COVID-19 era: experiences from Crete

[Marilena Anastasaki](#), MSc, PhD(c), Health Promotion Unit of the CSFM, University of Crete (UCRC affiliate)

An overview of research projects that have been implemented in Crete as a response to COVID-19 and how their findings and tools can be used to promote integration and equitable care provision in during the pandemic and beyond. Key projects to be presented include:

- the first region-wide seroepidemiological study to determine the burden of COVID-19 and its socio-economic determinants;
- a European (Horizon 2020) programme to address the transformation of primary care during the pandemic (RECOVER – <https://www.recover-europe.eu/>);
- a collaborative study with UK's NCSCT to develop and evaluate tools for training healthcare professionals in providing brief, behavioural-change interventions;
- a competitive project to address COVID-19 vaccine hesitancy among medically underserved and economically deprived populations.

### 16.30 Using self- and dyadic-regulation mechanisms in order to promote public health

[Evangelos Karademas](#), Professor and Director, Applied Psychology Laboratory (UCRC)

Many recent studies have highlighted the importance of self-regulation (e.g., how a person represents and copes with stress) and dyadic-regulation (e.g., partners' joint ways of representing and coping with an undesirable condition) for dealing with the SARS-CoV-2 pandemic and its impact on daily life. Several aspects of these two mechanisms (including self-efficacy, ways of understanding the pandemic, dyadic/common coping) have been related to pandemic-related behaviors and psychological well-being. The understanding of these mechanisms may guide the development of effective health promotion programs which will facilitate adaptive behavior during a pandemic. In this presentation, the findings of relevant studies conducted in Greece will be briefly presented and their potential contribution to public health will be discussed.

### 16.40 Social networking as a health risk factor in the times of Covid-19: Cultural considerations

[Konstantinos Kafetsios](#), Professor in Social Psychology, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki. Affiliate Member of Applied Psychology Laboratory (UCRC)

Social networking and social connection have been amongst the most significant behavioral health risk factors (Holt-Lustad, Robles, & Sbarra 2017; House, Landis, & Umberson, 1988). The talk will examine how this ubiquitous force for well-being can be culturally shaped and how cultural patterns of relating interact with the SARS-CoV-2 pandemic. The discussion will revolve around how knowledge about individuation and collectivism patterns in a country can inform policies to increase social connection.

### 16.50 From health information to evidence-informed policymaking: challenges encountered to assessing vulnerability and combatting inequity.

[Elena Petelos](#), SRF in Public Health/ Lecturer in EBM & EIP, University of Crete and Maastricht University, EUPHA VP HTA and Core Group IDC

An overview of how, in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic, and beyond, different determinants (socioeconomic, biological, legal, environmental) have directly and indirectly impacted outcomes, and exacerbated inequalities, placing the most vulnerable at greater risk. Key challenges in terms of generating actionable evidence, establishing health information networks, and interdisciplinary partnerships to combat inequities in increase preparedness and resilience will be discussed.

### 17.00 Roundtable Discussion

### 17.30 Q&A Session

**We look forward to an interactive session and a fruitful exchange!**

