

Foreword

It is perhaps in the nature of the matter that the current issue on ‘Covid-19 and Civil Society in India, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka’ is a slightly unusual production and editorial process. However, I considered it important to publish the articles, despite general reservations from several reviewers that some of the contributions have a more ‘opinionated’ and ‘highly politicized’ character than is normally the case for our scientific research journal. We provide the space for the feasibility of various viewpoints in the journal but persist to keep the core criterion of scientific research. With this specific issue, it is also important that the journal comes out before too long. Speed played a big role in the publication of “In the Realm of Corona Normativities”.

I greatly appreciate the guest-editors’ hard work and their efforts to make it as scientific and objective as possible. Nonetheless, at the end of the day current issue provoke an opportunity to open debate and to contemplate on challenges of being scientific, objective and neutral that we come across repeatedly, and specifically in times of the Corona virus which like other pandemics and epidemics has the potential for opening up cleavages in society.

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