Understanding Policy Dynamics of COVID-19 in the EU and the Rest of the World: Challenges, Reactions, and Perspectives after One Year

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The COVID-19 pandemic is shaping citizen trust in institutions at different jurisdictions, from the local to the regional, national, and supranational. The has fundamentally changed every aspect of our lives.

Countries around the world imposed different measures to contain the pandemic. COVID-19 affected citizens' lives very differently. In cases where citizens knew someone who died might see that the benefits associated with the control of deaths outweigh the economic loss. Similarly, personal positions around being in favor of limiting individual rights can determine the support or not to some of the measures taken by governments. Jurisdictions of the states vs. nations or supranational entities, regarding the role of governance to control the spread of the pandemic is also an interesting factor to analyze.

Given the extraordinary period we are living, it is paramount that policy makers and social scientist can research how citizens and collective groups are responding to the pandemic. There are a number of topics within the social context that can be selected, such as social norms, social inequality, culture, and polarization.

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