

COVID-19 Forum III - Introduction

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Thirty-eight days have passed since the publication of Somatosphere's [COVID-19 Forum II](#). In the course of these days the number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 across the globe has risen from 1.1 to 4,3 million, with coronavirus-related deaths rising from 60,000 to 294,997. While some countries, like Italy and Germany, have started relaxing their lockdowns, epidemic control measures in others, like the US and UK, which are reporting the largest numbers of deaths by the disease, have been faced with severe criticism by the scientific community. At the same time, as research continues on the pathology and transmission pathways of the disease, as well as on the development of a vaccine, fears of a "second wave" have been fanned by the renewed rise of cases in South Korea and China.

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues into its fifth month, the third instalment of Somatosphere's COVID-19 Forum brings together 12 papers by anthropologists, historians, literary scholars, data scientists and sociologists reflecting on different aspects of the pandemic from regional and global perspectives. Together, and in dialogue with the papers published in [Forums I](#) and [II](#), it is hoped that these contributions will foster interdisciplinary dialogue, challenge the boundaries of medical humanities and the anthropology of medicine, and contribute to approaches to the particular pandemic but also, more broadly, to epidemics as such that will allow us to rethink and engage with them as critical processes and events.

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[How We Tweet About Coronavirus, and Why: A Computational Anthropological Mapping of Political Attention on Danish Twitter during the COVID-19 Pandemic](#)

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