Long term consequences of COVID-19

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Broad subject: Focus on academic aspects

- Employability
- Mental health issues
- Teaching
- Governance
Some years “at discount”

- Reduced mobility
- Different teaching & examination modalities
- Recruitments by Zoom
- Increase in PhD student’s abandons before the candidacy

Added flexibility in contracts

- Inhomogeneous implementation through the institution
- A danger: not progressing in the career

Extra effort needed to support careers paths

Employability

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Increase of support initiatives during quarantines

- Strengthening of student’s support unit (social & psychiatric consultations)
- EPFL helping hand initiative
- Recruitments by Zoom
- Platforms created to connect student’s for work and leisure (Discord)

Focus on integration

- To restore the feeling of belonging to a community
- To re-establish the social circle around each member of the community

Difficult to estimate long term consequences of isolation

Keep motoring the possible outcomes!
Teaching

New opportunities
- Flipped classrooms
- Lectures recording
- Added flexibility
- Mentorship program

Coming with new “threats”
- Increase of workload
- Loss of contact between students and teachers
- Decrease of class attendance

Profit from this situation
- Experimenting new pedagogies
- Ensuring flexibility of teaching methods
COVID-19 operating committee

- Tasked to implement senior management decisions
- Gathers EPFL officials and representatives of the community

When will we come back to “normal” governance?

- Should we?

It is effective ensuring community participation to operational decisions
Thank you!

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