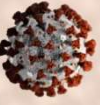
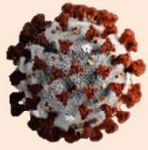


# Humanitarian crises and COVID-19



The large number of casualties due to COVID-19 is only one aspect of this pandemic.

What other humanitarian crises has COVID-19 brought to the world?

In this event, a distinguished engineer, entrepreneur, and humanitarian worker will share their experiences confronting humanitarian crises during the pandemic. An invited researcher will then initiate a discussion with the audience. This is the first event in a three-part series, aiming to recognise the humanitarian crises caused by COVID-19, understand solution strategies, and plan for new resilient social systems.

## Albert Ko • Director of Entrepreneurship Initiatives, Lingnan University, Hong Kong.

Dr. Ko is an experienced engineer, accomplished entrepreneur, innovative educator and a well-respected humanitarian worker. Since 2000, Dr. Ko has volunteered in multiple field missions for Médecins Sans Frontières, including in South Sudan and Indonesia. In 2009, he co-founded INSIGHT Robotics and developed the world's most accurate wildfire detection robot. Dr. Ko now serves as Programme Director of the MA in Social Entrepreneurship and Innovation Management, and Adjunct Associate Professor in the School of Graduate Studies, at Lingnan University. He will share examples of how simple mature technology can improve the lives of the underprivileged, in relation to his recent humanitarian projects during the pandemic. These have included developing a reusable transparent anti-COVID-19 face mask to promote barrier-free communication for people with hearing loss, and a mobile UV-C system to disinfect subdivided flats in Hong Kong.



**Keynote  
speaker**

## Roberto Orsi • Project Associate Professor, GraSPP, University of Tokyo.

Roberto Orsi is Project Associate Professor at the Graduate School of Public Policy, University of Tokyo. He holds a PhD in International Relations obtained from the London School of Economics. Some of his blog pieces have reached a million readers. His research interests focus on international political theory, history of political concepts, East Asian and European international politics. His *Ethics in International Relations* course addresses key questions of human rights, global justice, and humanitarian international law.



**Discussant**

Date: **11 Oct. 2021, 6-7.45pm (online)**

Registration: <https://forms.gle/WAYKQZ9Ho6wCSMLr7> →  
(Zoom link will be sent after registration.)



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