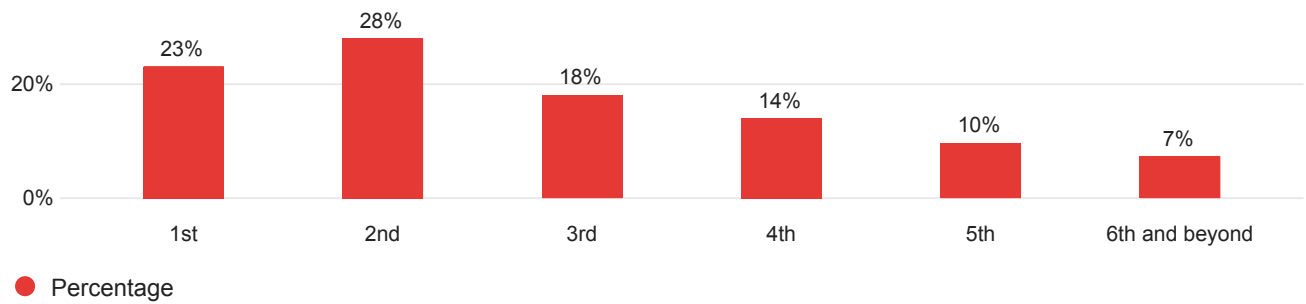
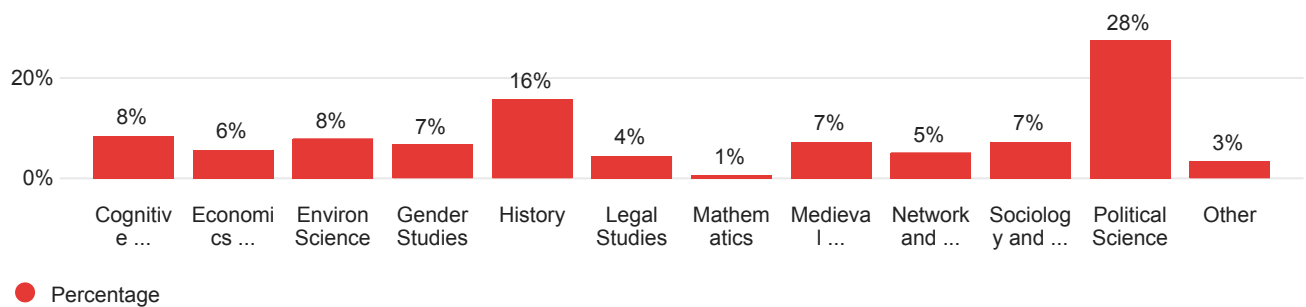


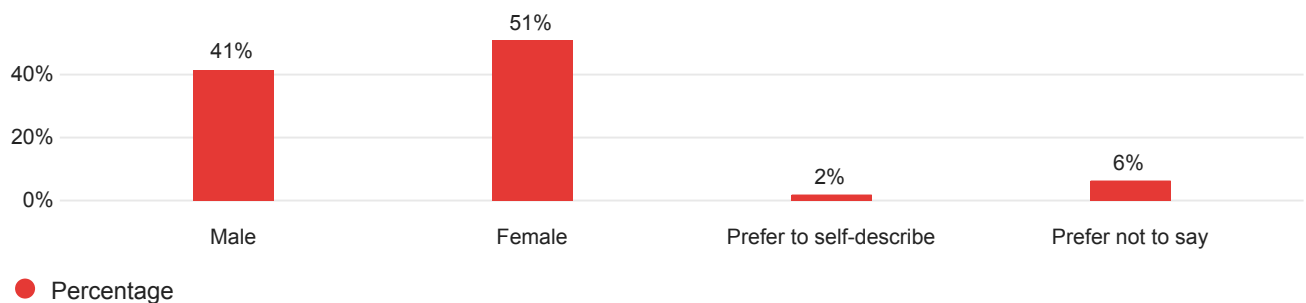
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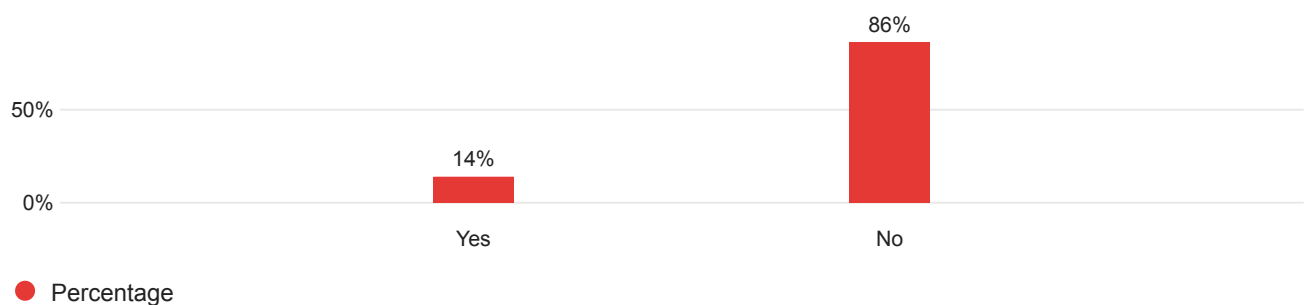
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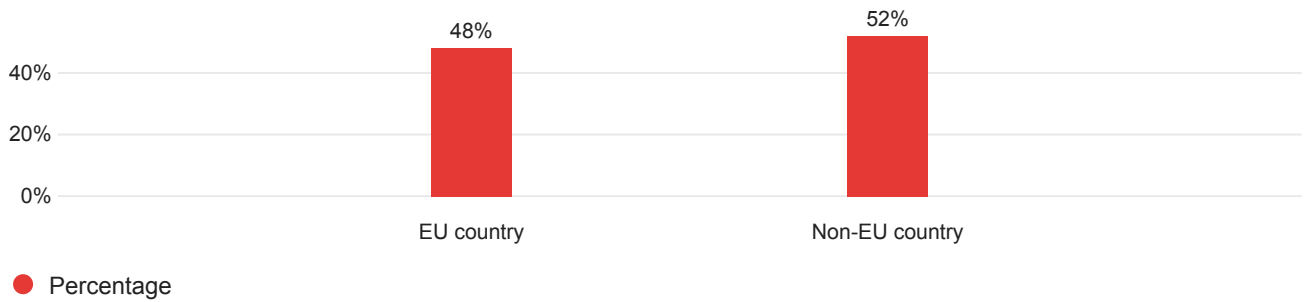
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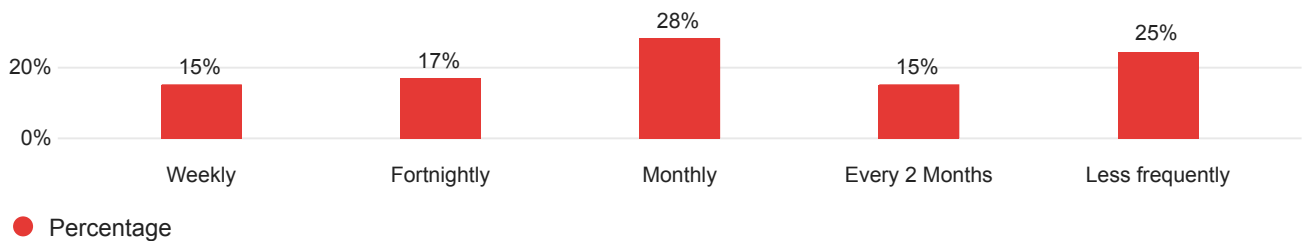
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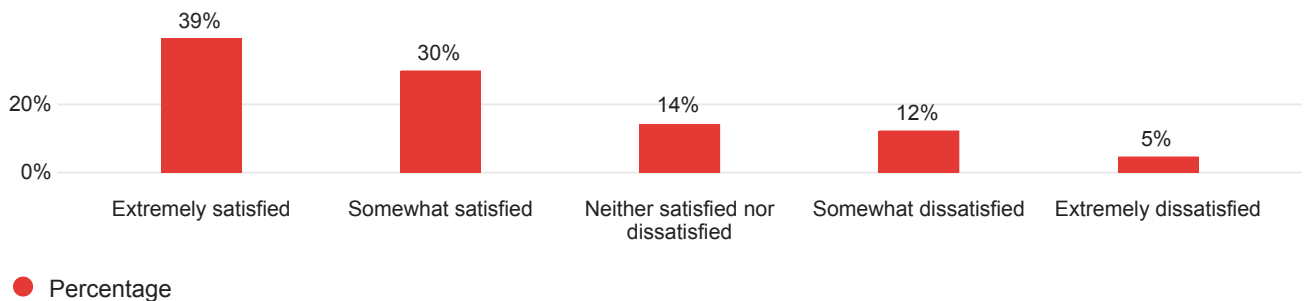
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Q3.1 - Prior to the pandemic, how often did you have supervision meetings? - Selected Choice



Q3.2 - How would you rate your satisfaction of these arrangements?



Q3.3 - What arrangements, if any, have been put in place for your supervisions during social isolation? Has the initiative to 'stay in touch' come from yourself or your supervisor? Please give as much detail as possible (e.g. Zoom supervision once a fortnight, we have talked on an ad-hoc basis etc.)

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No

My supervisor has made himself available whenever I have asked but has not reached out himself. Neither has my PhD director. This is in spite of them knowing that I am currently doing fieldwork under extremely difficult circumstances during corona.

I am currently writing up my PhD dissertation. We do Zoom supervision on the basis of my initiative, previously we agreed on weekly meetings but at this stage I cannot progress so quickly with the writing so we decided I would get in touch to arrange a meeting when I reach a natural point where supervision is necessary.

zoom supervision after chapter submission

Skype conversation, initiative coming from both sides, when necessary.

Because I and my supervisor are located in different countries most of our communications happen online. Therefore, there wasn't much change in our communications cause by the pandemic.

Yes, we are keeping in touch via Zoom.

no arrangements were put in place, ad-hoc emails or messenger messages are exchanged, but not necessarily related to PhD project

Has come from neither no arrangements are in place

The initiative to stay in touch came from my supervisor who also regularly arranges for her mentees to work together via zoom

Yes, my supervisor reached out with a "stay in touch" initiative and set up online "office hours."

My supervisor wrote me that he is available for meetings, but we have not met yet.

Zoom meetings daily/when there is something to discuss. We just moved our meetings online, the initiative came from my supervisor.

My supervisor so far has been quite supportive by reaching out frequently and offering support during these strange times.

A short meeting in regard to my comprehensive exam via zoom has taken place. The initiative came from my side.

The supervision meeting was stopped for several weeks after the pandemic because of me (getting sick, moving to a new flat, etc.). But later my supervisor and I have mutually agreed that we will keep the meeting frequency the same as before the pandemic. We have a Skype meeting every 1 - 1.5 weeks.

We are talking on skype whenever we need to. The department sent an email to all PhD students asking them to get in touch with their supervisors. I was in regular touch with my supervisor anyway, but after that email I wrote a mail to my supervisor again and set up a meeting.

My supervisor offers to 'stay in touch', but doesn't check on me. In the last month, I have only been able to arrange for one meeting - this was after her cancelling or postponing three meetings. I definitely do not feel like I am working under/with someone.

None

Zoom supervision every 2 weeks

None and I did not ask for any

Online consultation, based mostly on need from either side to discuss specific problems, obstacles, or opportunities.

No initiative on either side.

Online supervision every week initiated by my supervisor.

Ad-hoc skype meetings

Skype meetings

my supervisor regularly inquires about me, it's nice to see him caring

joint initiative: we talk once a fortnight

Ad-hoc basis, no special arrangement. The message was basically: contact me when/if you need me.

I live abroad, so I have met my supervisor by skype even before the virus.

I am happy with the arrangement with me and my supervisor. We meet as often as I ask for it,. This was made by my initiative, as it is not stressful since I can take longer time if I need. She would be available every week.

Weekly supervision sessions via zoom. Practically nothing changed apart from moving online.

it is mostly due to the state of my research but it is curently more frequent than prior to the covid

zoom meeting after each chapter submission

short message exchange, feedback on dissertation draft

My supervisor has been responsive, we keep in touch via zoom/messenger. He has provided feedback to my work.

Skype once a week, initiative came from supervisor.

supervisor always available and adhoc meetings

Zoom supervision once a fortnight

We haven't really talked since. I've been working and sending him work when ready. I'm currently awaiting feedback. He organized a brief videochat with all his students attending.

The availability of my supervisor increased and we now talk almost every week which is nice.

I have initiated contact to stay in touch, but in terms of providing support on how to move forward both the department and my supervisor have largely been unhelpful

We decreased the frequency of our meetings because my dissertation process had to stop. There are currently complications about data collection. I have to wait until the pandemic ends.

weekly zoom meeting

I am in general very satisfied with the supervision that I have been receiving - it's really well adjusted to my speed and needs and I have always had a feeling that I can ask for a meeting whenever I need and won't have to wait for it for long. The feedback has been very useful. Under Covid not much changed except the fact that we communicate online (which was a case before at times as well).

Skype every week

As I just came back from DRSG, we stayed with the established arrangements; generally, the frequency of communication is satisfactory, most of the challenges we face are rather rooted in the recent cooptation of a co-supervisor.

I guess both me and my supervisor have tacitly decided to mind our own business, though, before the university had been closed we used to meet sometimes and discuss my study and the things around it. (I understand, my supervisor is sort of busy right now as the online education eats a lot of their time).

No arrangements yet.

My supervisor is currently on sabbatical leave (in Berlin) and shortly prior to that had a severe heart attack which seriously impacted his performance as a professor, Head of Department (until recently) and supervisor (he is also has the most students to supervise in the department). In short, we don't have any agreement about supervision, he hardly responds to any of my e-mails and did not provide me with any comments on my comprehensive exam materials (which is partially understandable, but also made me rely more on other professors).

Monthly drafts followed by feedback and Skype calls

Ad hoc

We have talked on an ad-hoc basis and we regularly correspond through email

We started weekly zoom meetings

My supervisor is readily available and supportive during the pandemic, and we meet more often than before, using Zoom.

Initiative came from supervisor.

We have a Teams meeting every two weeks to discuss my first year paper and dissertation plan.

Very good communication and support. Skype calls and emails.

we have talked on an ad-hoc basis

Skype, email, phone

No arrangements

I received an email from my supervisor and we met on Zoom with the rest of her doctorat students to discuss the situation, and we have collective meetings twice a month to comment on each other's work (independently from Covid situation).

There was a first approach from my supervisor and now every time that I need to meet I just let him know

Me and my supervisor have keep the same schema of meetings. I reduced the number of meetings because now I am working in my project, but I feel I can write her at any point and she will make herself available for an appointment.

We have kept in touch on a weekly basis, during lab meetings and personal meetings requested by me

My supervisor dropped me a couple of emails just to check in at the beginning of the crisis and a couple of weeks ago. We skyped a couple of times during this period for regular supervision.

My academic supervisor is very nice and approachable so i have no problem re: staying in touch

we mail to each other on an ad hoc basis initiative mostly came from supervisor yet

The weekly supervision meetings are intact, although they are now taking part using Skype. My professor encouraged me to "drop by his digital office" (meaning calling him on Skype) anytime during the day, as I usually dropped by to his office in person every other day before the epidemic.

remain the same

e-mail correspondence and Zoom supervision meeting when need be; other pressing deadlines at the moment

No arrangements whatsoever, I mean, nothing specific to the situation. I haven't received any email from my supervisor concerning the lockdown and how we're going to adapt.

My supervisor and I are talking on a weekly basis, and we mutually reach out to each other.

My advisor conducts a collective meeting with the students she supervises.

Zoom supervision once a fortnight, he spurs me to study as I am not productive in this period and it's working. My supervisor understands my situation and helps me to do my best.

I am communicating with my supervisor via e-mail and on Whatsapp. Since the crisis started we are more active in discussing on Whatsapp and our last call lasted about 1.5 hours.

zoom supervision, often communication via email

The initiative comes from me, we exchange emails

Supervisor is always responsive to any contact from me, both before isolation period and previously, and regardless of whether or not I am in Budapest, so no change needed during this period

The initiative to 'stay in touch' come from both me and my supervisor. We have had chat meeting two times since the pandemic started.

We are not having online supervision because luckily we had a meeting right before CEU closed.

I used to meet with my supervisor online cause he is quite often out of Budapest. We continue having a call once in 2 weeks as we did before. Nothing changed in our relationships and approaches to work

Not clear yet.

I reached out to my supervisor and to my supervisory panel to re-arrange meetings and planned engagement. We are meeting via Zoom on an ad-hoc basis. We both have children so I recognise this is also a balancing act for her as well as myself. My supervisor recognised that is very difficult for me to meet deadlines and continue to work in the same way now I am a full-time carer for children, she helped me adjust course requirements, and push back deadlines.

With my old supervisor nothing but that was the issue from the beginning

Scheduled a day for a call, but no exact time was set and never happened

We had several zoom talks, but none of them was about my thesis. We have discussed the course development project in which I am assisting my supervisor.

No real needs, no arrangements

My supervisor contacted me whether I was in Europe or not and asked whether I want to remain in Budapest or go home. She was kindly offering any possibilities so that we could work smoothly and productively as usual. Because of her support (and others' supports), I decided to stay in Budapest. We are having a weekly meeting as usual over Skype or Zoom.

I emailed my supervisor a couple of times, but I didnt request any additional meetings because I didnt feel they were necessary.

We had a Skype conversation once and also communicated through emails a lot

We can Zoom when I need. In the beginning, we've met two Fridays in a row. Then I did not schedule more meetings because now I just have to work on what was agreed on.

No arrangements whatsoever have been put in place. There has never been an initiative from my supervisor prior to or during social isolation. He has made no effort to check up on me (was on DRSG when the coronavirus crisis started), he is aware I have no financial resources beyond DRSG (which ended April 8, 2020) and that I was supposed to go for research trips, which were cancelled due to coronavirus - not a single email, nothing! Nor did anyone from my department bother to contact me.

We communicate regularly mostly via email. It is either me asking questions, showing any parts of my work, or reporting about my progress and/or future working plans. My supervisor responds mostly within a day and sends feedback in time.

Not much has changed - we had a schedule before the lock-down, and we have kept to it. He responds immediately to my emails, and we are currently scheduling a panel.

yes, we keep in touch on Zoom and Skype

none

I had reached out to my supervisor a few days before movement restrictions were implemented by the Hungarian government. I wanted to discuss a 10 000 word-long chapter draft and how to proceed with the PhD in general under the current circumstances. I never heard back from my supervisor. This was more than a month ago. I will try to reach out to him again, but the lack of proper support is quite nerve-racking. So far, we have no arrangements in place for how we are to proceed during social isolation.

We talk on skype once per week at least

Having had remote supervision during my first year, we have returned to that strategy. Ensuring a check in every two months or so but also Skyping should a specific issue arise.

I have skype meetings. mainly I initiated the meetings.

Initiative by supervisor. Generally we discuss things like nothing had happened which somewhat dissatisfies me, although I realize that not much can be done. I feel stressed because my field changes a lot and I cannot plan anything in advance, and writing proposals now looks a bit useless. I am spending my stipend just by staying here ... not being able to travel for preliminary field check, consultations with other people from the field are also not available now. I realize that I must work and this is how the things should be, and I try to work, both deadlines are hard...

at the beginning ad-hoc skype meetings, now weekly skype meetings

We have talked on an ad-hoc basis, whenever there were specific issues and we also scheduled 2 mock exams before my comprehensive exam so as to allow me to get a sense of how the exam will be, all of these were helpful and sufficient from my point of view.

My supervisor has been away even before the start of the covid19 crisis. So social isolation did not really change much. We still talk every week and he is very responsive.

Our arrangement has stayed the same - one video meeting per month (using Skype) and occasional emails.

We keep in touch via Zoom weekly with my supervisor though not for supervising my project.

No such an initiative.

My supervisor is currently visiting at Columbia University, therefore I already knew our meetings would be based on a sort of unconventional schedule

My supervisor would not remember to show up on any meetings we agreed on or tell me before that he will not have time. I stopped trying, not worth it. Considering myself supervisorless.

I am currently in preparation for the comprehensive exam, so full dissertation supervision is still a few months away. However, I have been able to get in contact with my supervisor when I need. We correspond over email, but Zoom or Skype meetings are an option.

We still virtually meet every two weeks.

Regular check up of my wellbeing. Phd related issues come secondary. No pressure at the moment.

Email and report updates

My supervisor is very supportive since day one in terms of checking up on me on a regular basis to understand the impact of the pandemic on my mood in general and my motivation to study/write my thesis in specific. We also had four meetings within the last month, and discussed a variety of issues such as: how to regain motivation, access to academic resources, access to my belongings left in the doctoral lab, how to rearrange my writing plans due to the pandemic etc.

We have talked via Skype once since the pandemic started.

None.

same weekly meetings but shorter

We communicate via email regularly.

Regular communication through Skype

Since March 9th we have talked only twice under my initiative, except for the lab meetings which happen via zoom twice a month. My supervisor made explicit that I can reach out if I need.

As I have spent a half of my PhD time as a visiting PhD student abroad, me and my supervisor are used to maintaining contact via email and Skype as necessary (email usually at least once a month, Skype only when agreed, usually 1-2 times per year).

We haven't arranged anything so far. I met with him once outside of the campus which was unrelated to my thesis but I'll probably suggest a Teams meeting to discuss my progress. I had no pressure from my supervisor to submit the agreed revisions so I guess he's showing some understanding of the situation.

We have been talking on skype already before Corona, when I was not in Budapest, so I don't feel a change here.

I didn't have any stay in touch initiatives yet.

I have had one online meeting with my supervisors only, and arranged to meet again after couple of months as things were 'normal', however I am confident my main supervisor would be available for me at any time if I reached out, and the other two have scheduled regular online special office hours for everyone who wishes to talk to them.

I have only contacted my supervisors once since the pandemic has started to make sure that they are familiar with the deadlines, and we agreed that I send them my prospectus draft once I finish it. I believe that meetings will be on a Zoom platform

He is unreachable. He just doesn't answer my emails.

It was easy to agree upon. We continued our scheduled bi-weekly meetings over Zoom.

Skype meetings as adequate

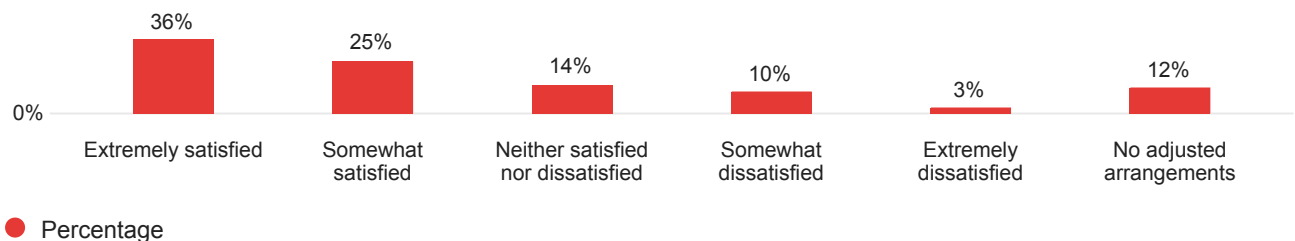
My supervisor and I are regularly in touch and she initiates meetings for progress check in, discussion of submitted material and support. She always makes herself available even with a short notice. Our weekly meetings are still taking place weekly as before the pandemic and even more than once a week when needed. The change in the medium, as in having meetings online, did not change the quality or consistency of meetings.

The initiative came from my supervisor as soon as the situation began. We have been talking by email every week and having Skype meetings at monthly basis.

Has ever supervisors said let's stay in touch? I would be surprised!

My supervisor has not been in touch with me in the last 4 months.

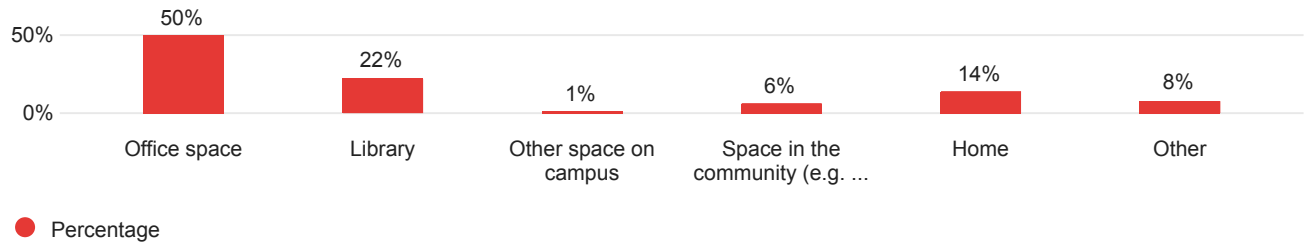
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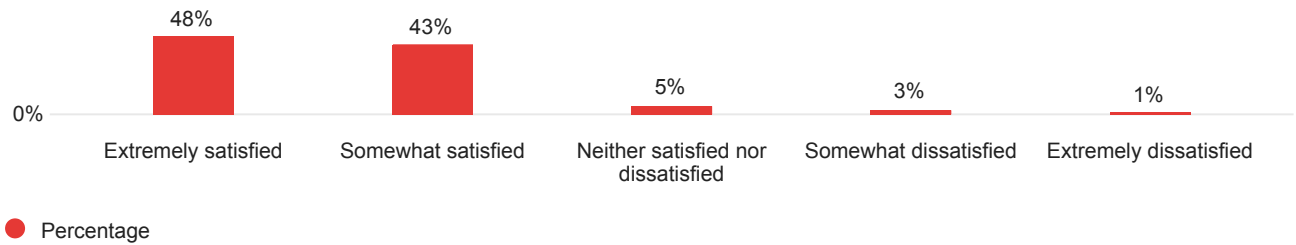
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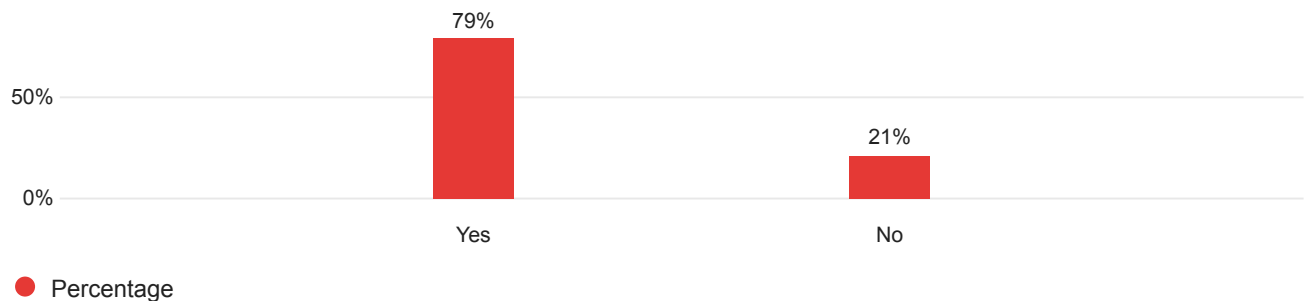
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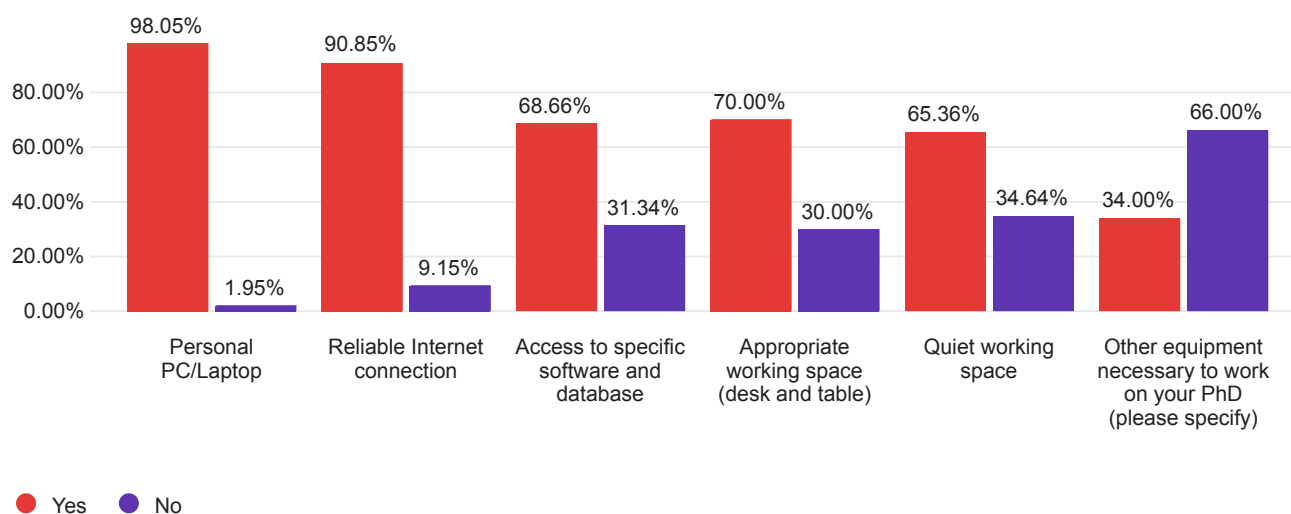
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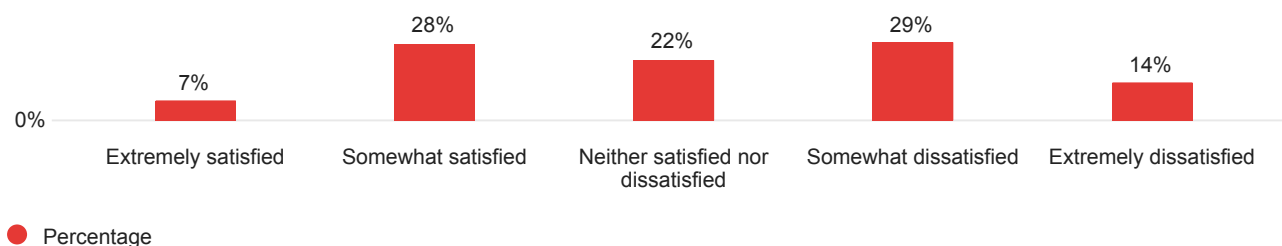
Q4.3 - Had the move to working from home impacted your PhD?



Q4.4 - Do you have access to the following facilities at home:



Q4.5 - How would you rate your satisfaction with your current working arrangement (i.e. home-working)?



Q4.6 - How was your PhD impacted by the move to home-working? Please give as much detail as possible.

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How was your PhD impacted by the move to home-working? Please give as much detail as possible.

Disruptive

I lost daily structure. Previously I had managed to set up my dissertation writing schedule, where I allocated work into three daily blocks. Two of those were done in my CEU office and one in the evening at home. It is now extremely difficult to follow this schedule, as I cannot get up early enough in the morning and my dog distracts me quite often. He barks a lot, for example. I cannot get up early in the morning because of a loss of structure in my life, because everyday at home is the same, and of depression. I live in a cold, dark, ground floor flat which impacts me quite a lot in terms of mood. The variety of working in the office and sometimes working from home, which I could benefit from previously, is hugely missed now. I cannot progress with my dissertation and I feel like it is pointless anyway - considering the state of the job market and the extreme uncertainty about the global and local economy. My work is hard even when I am not depressed but being locked up and forced to do nothing else than work, in a dark flat, is painful. I am in therapy, which is the only thing that keeps me from feeling even worse.

Sometimes, it is difficult to concentrate at home

For me, working from home is much less efficient than working at the public library. I have more distractions and it takes an effort to concentrate on writing. I can't access all the necessary resources, so I have to write based on the literature and sources I have on my PC or which is available on the internet.

Working hours per day are now below 3, partly because of the lack of working space and partly because of parenting duties.

I don't have a quiet space to work, many distractions from too many people in same space

I am in my field work year currently and have found it impossible to do most things I'd planned for this period because of the country wide lockdown. I cannot access libraries or archives, attend events integral to my research, or conduct interviews

I share living and working space with other people who also need appropriate working space, attending video conferences and so on which impacts my ability to stay focused and devote as my time for working as I used to; I'm unable to access materials that are not available online but important for my work (books in the CEU library, ILL), and I had to cancelled planed archival trips which leaves me with limited material to work with.

I used to work in the PhD lab where you could talk to your colleagues about your work and other PhD related things and it is so hard to work alone by yourself. I do not feel very motivated and I am also stressed about the whole COVID-19 in general so it is not easy to stay focused.

It's definitely harder to focus now that both my partner and me are working from home, often having meetings at the same time. So the writing is a bit slower.

Not having access to the library and its facilities have put me under a lot of pressure. Also, being completely homebound has significantly reduced my per day productivity.

I had three conferences planned for this semester (abstracts accepted). All three were postponed. The only class I had to take (mandatory for a CTL certificate) has been canceled. Also, I had to postpone two research trips which are absolutely CRUCIAL for my thesis.

I can only access a part of my material (readings, general literature, archival material). What I can access I could not print out because I had no printer and do not live in the RC. Being a person who rather needs to have one's readings printed, I have finally decided to buy a home printer. However, printing larger numbers of pages, is, unfortunately, much too expensive this way.

My previous flat was a shared one. After moving to home-working, I wasn't able to focus on working at the beginning, because of the noise in the kitchen and outside the window, and the feeling that I own only the little space in my room. I felt there were a lot of things not under my control. But then I moved to a one person studio. My problems were mainly solved. I can work normally in my new flat. My supervisor has always given me a lot of support and supervision.

I am not able to focus on research because of constant disturbance at home caused because I live with my family.

I do not work well from home, I am a very distracted person. I was too used to working out of the library in a more concentrated / focused manner, putting in way more hours of work. Plus, my flatmate is an MA student who will have nothing to do / a free spring break and this will definitely affect how productive I am able to be.

Postponed field research, no access to secondary literature etc., writing slowed down since it's harder to work from home

I lost lots of productivity during the first 2 weeks. Then I got used to it.

Homeworking itself did not make any difference. The problem is in things outside CEU's or mine's control. It is the general air of uncertainty and subsequent lack of motivation to work (even worse than normal).

Firstly, I have become even more isolated than before, a problem with which I have been struggling before the quarantine situation. Secondly, my research trip had to be postponed, and conducting fieldwork also became impossible. At this point it is not tragic, I can still finish before my deadline, unless the situation does not resolve by next February. In that case, I do not know what happens.

Cannot conduct experiments in the lab.

Inability to go to the library to borrow books, print, scan, to engage with students, staff and faculty (lack of networking), uncertainty about the future... But most importantly the inability to apply for conferences, summer schools etc. and to make academia-related future plans. Such events are an essential part of the PhD life so now I feel like we are missing a lot, especially as our funding is limited to 3 years and the prospect is that up to a year may be totally wasted by staying at home, being unable to engage academically beyond reading and writing (while even that is hard, given all that's going on)...

The move to home-working impacted my mental health, I feel very isolated and anxious. It is difficult to focus on my work.

I literally can't work from home, home is not a distraction-free environment. Also, I can't print, which is a significant blow.

I am father of two children and the operation of both the school and the kindergarten are suspended at present. Therefore, I am spending a good half of my time with family care these days.

No good work/private life separation.

I generally do not work from home, as I am distracted and have little space. As a result, working from home now is very inefficient.

All the experiments now are being re-programmed to be run online. It takes a lot of time. Also because of few domestic issues and food preparation mostly at home, working hours became shorter. It was very hard to focus in the beginning, as this situation costs also a lot of uncertainty, more feelings to manage, decisions to make. The online contact and chatting increased as well. So in general, there is a long period to readjust. Also for some facilities, like table and chairs at home are not optimal for work.

new routine, can get used to it, harder to concentrate due to lack of office space, but trying to make a suitable routine

honestly, not much. I'm done with fieldwork, and just writing now...

taking care of children, home schooling lead to a really disturbing working environment

Positively impacted. I don't spend time commuting, and have more time and focus to dedicate to my project.

Less concentration and motivation as the daily routine was interrupted. Also, lack of access to the Library and relevant literature has a negative impact on my current work.

The first 2-3 weeks were difficult, as events unfolded and inhibited my concentration. However, since then, I think I've been able to more or less effectively return to my previous daily work routine.

There's no separation of home and office and I feel I am at home 24/7. It's difficult to relax and refresh. Also many neighbors are now renovating their flats, given they are at home and have nothing else to do etc. The noise level is really high and sometimes (1-2 days per week) it's impossible to work.

It has not been. The larger challenges have been to conducting fieldwork during the pandemic

It took some time to adjust to working in my apartment. I was normally not able to work at home because I could be easily distracted. After a while, I could manage to adapt to the current situation. However, I'm not as productive as I was before. It affects my progress in my works.

I can't test participants in the lab.

1. I took a lot of time to calm down for the first 2 weeks of pandemic and after that I was able to start working again but what is happening in the world occupies a lot of my mental space (which I think is never taken into account when evaluating the speed of someone's work).
2. it's very difficult to be self disciplined 3. I don't have access to necessary material

The medical care is extremely inefficient. Health is a very important part. Hope there can be doctors in the residence center. Hope all our medicine can be picked at the reception, to avoid the risks going out.

Generally, my research went on (I just received the write-up grant); on a personal level I find it difficult to work alone, but I also acknowledge that with this as a major problem I am definitely among the lucky ones. The only effective problem I face in my research is the shortage of e-books in the library databases; though I see that hard copies are available in the library, I was unable to access the same books electronically (e.g. products of Hart Publishing). Ultimately, I managed to solve the problem with the help of friends from other universities, it usually took 1-2 days.

As I do some tutoring besides my study, I've had to invest much more time in tuning it up as well as in the preparation for that activity. Thus, I have much less time for study. As I live with another CEU student (my partner), we have to arrange our e-communication, tutoring, etc in such a way that we don't disturb each other (previously, attending university helped it in a natural way)

I feel a loss of motivation. It is very hard to concentrate.

I live with three other people in the apartment, and all of them have to work from home. One of them works in customer support for Wolt and is loudly speaking the whole day. The other works as a recruiter and also conducts all the interviews from our apartment, as well as obsessively exercises (I know it's not too relevant, but it has impact on my concentration). The third person is also working on his PhD and needs to use the only working desk we have in our apartment, so we have to make shifts regarding working on that desk. That makes me work from bed half of day, and on the desk the other half, with 10 hours of having earphones not to hear our roommates loudly speaking.

Previously I kept some separation between my job and the PhD, meaning that I associated working from home with my thesis. Following the outbreak, I had to also take my job home, so now I associate my home with my job, not my PhD.

It was not affected.

I am on the field and all my field activities have been halted as a result

I had to suspend my fieldwork due to the crisis. I could not continue neither my participant observation, nor my interviews and archival research.

Because I am in the ethnographic fieldwork year of my PhD, my PhD has been significantly impacted. While I have a quiet home environment in which I can read and write, I cannot do any of the most important tasks for this stage, such as participant observation or meeting people for in-person interviews on sensitive subjects. Skype interviews would not be suitable for my line of inquiry and were never meant to be part of my methodology.

It's much more difficult to stay energized and engaged, partly due to having nowhere to go to structure my time. Meeting times with faculty are difficult, because of time differences. The lack of academic socialization kind of sucks. It's hard to stay as sharp without frequent engagement with peers and professors, and Zoom/Teams can only do so much.

No division between life and work makes it difficult to stop thinking about my thesis, coursework, credits, missed opportunities, and lack of social interaction with colleagues, the latter of which is one of the greatest parts of PhD life.

In the Department of Network and Data Science we should have access to Cloud Computing Services and/or at least a bonus to buy a laptop with the specifics required by our job - e.g. high-performance processor, high RAM capacity, etc. Moreover, the access to statistical software we might need it is not guaranteed (e.g. STATA) and I will need to pay by myself. Other softwares are too advanced for my laptop (e.g. gephi-tool) and I am forced to use a virtual machine which I am paying by myself. Is it fair? "The Ph.D. stipend should cover only the living costs", do they miss something? Research possibilities should be equally given to everyone, not only to people who have rich families to support them. I ask for help to apply for the CEU emergency fund but my supervisor did not allow me to apply.

I have no books I need. I don't have where to print my thesis to day to day corrections. No desk. No nice chair to support me during my 10 hour writing shifts.

I have no opportunity to access my primary sources

I have a little baby, and it is very challenging and frustrating to find time to get enough work done. However, I must say that one of the positive side effects of COVID is that I can spend more time with family,

I have very good conditions I cannot complain, but it is hard to stay focus the whole day and don't have informal socializing spaces

When the restriction to Universities came, I was attending one class and TAing another one. The class that I was attending was canceled because of the situation. The class that I was TA-ing was finished online and, although the class worked fairly well, the experience was not the same. Other than that, I am lucky enough to have fairly good internet and a decent space for working.

For me is very important to work outside my room, despite my room is perfectly equipped for working. It is important to keep certain social contact even if it is visual, as it happens in the library. The main problem for me now is that there is a construction in the apartment above, so I have to deal with the noise.

I have been trying to adapt my project to the new circumstances. In particular, I am setting up online studies to collect online data from participants.

My productivity dropped of a half. I cannot focus for long, constantly feeling anxious. I share my place so, yes, I do possess all the above listed facilities, but I share them, so it is not ideal and asks for constant compromises and reprogramming.

The shutdown has also caused a mental shutdown, really. It's hard to work and stay focused. You would think you would be, you should be working but no

more difficult to keep own daily schedule family obligations can hamper working

I've experienced a loss of motivation and found it harder to concentrate. I've conditioned myself to work according to a schedule, but that schedule applied to a particular space (my office and the library) that helped me to concentrate.

No alternative working space available.

I mostly stuck at the stage I've been at in the beginning of March. Firstly, I was overwhelmed with TA-ships and then I just started to feel myself exhausted and tired. Also, I was struggling with depression for many years and my daily routine was a part of my remedy - I need to wake up at the same time each day, I need to go somewhere and have some kind of repetitive actions, like grabbing some coffee, meeting with friends, sitting the same place in the library, etc. Even though I'm safe now, without my routine I cannot do anything at all, so my productivity spread only on some urgent tasks I need to do, and not on my dissertation at all.

struggling to focus and the inaccessability of library are the main concerns

I need a community. I need to go to campus every morning and work from there having people around. Now when I am at home, I only have the energy to finish my TA duties.

It is much harder to concentrate on work back home. I also lack access to hard copies. I left earlier before the virus restrictions started ,so I have left some of my working materials in Budapest.

It is not impacted by the move yet. But this is only because I am in my first year, and I can not do experimental work yet.

I am currently in the 2nd year, which is devoted to fieldwork, that is being suspended to the COVID 19 virus, which I think might lead to an extension of the fieldwork period.

I don't have access to a lot of books i need. I put together a new database called - stuff to find after pandemic. This is not to say the CEU library had them, but I could get stuff through ILL. Also, I had to postpone my fieldwork indefinitely.

Less focus, lack of resources , lack of motivation, many distractions

Much the same as previously

I had to adjust, but it is good now.

Luckily i am in the writing phase; however, I would have felt more comfortable in working at the University.

Before pandemic I invested a lot of effort to separate my working space from home. It took me awhile to merge them back and it's not a pleasant feeling. It's not a working space neither a place for rest anymore.

I live in a small flat with my partner and child. We are both expected to work from home. He is a key worker as he works on infrastructural response to the pandemic. Our child requires constant supervision, she is noisy and too young to understand. We do not have a quiet space to work, we do not have a desk, we use a chest of drawers and an old dining room chair. We share a family laptop and take turns to work. In terms of productivity, adequate work environment or health and safety, this arrangement is below sub-standard - it is patently impossible.

I am having trouble focusing, my living space is limited and I dont have the most comfortable working space. And because of that my productivity is limited

I literally cannot work at all. I have 20 month old twin boys and we live in a 2 bedroom so I don't have any office space. By the time they go to bed I'm too tired to function let alone write or do research.

I feel much less inspired and disciplined - I guess I too used to work in the lab with other fellow PhD students.

Perhaps the issue will be touched upon later in this survey, but the biggest impact is that my fieldwork was interrupted. So, working at home for me is fine, but I can't do most of my work because I cannot go into the field.

The biggest problem is the lack of library and the ILL service

The whole of my research life was structured by going to my office and meeting people. Therefore, it was a bit hard to restructure my research routine from scratch in such a different environment.

It is impacted in the sense that, first of all, I was supposed to be on a research trip and not working from home anyway. But besides that, I need two computers to read my scanned and photographed sources and take notes, which I don't have at the moment so the whole process is going too slow. In addition, I cannot reach the library and the fact that I had several ILL requests which were all canceled poses a significant problem for me. Otherwise, my working environment has been satisfactory, although not the best and particularly comfortable health-wise for work.

It is difficult psychologically and I don't have access to the library

I cannot run experiments, which will basically impact my Ph.D. thesis completely. (I still hope to finish the PhD on time though). Also, I miss having a proper working place even for writing. My home is not an ideal office, and I have problems to have a proper working routine. Before it was easier to me to stick to a routine.

I am living in a very small apartment that I share with my partner, so even though it is relatively quiet - it is not an ideal working environment where I can completely focus on my dissertation. I am deprived of libraries, databases, and literature that I need for my research, which is slowing down my writing process considerably. Also, my partner lost his job due to the coronavirus crisis and the general mood (including "the usual" corona-caused anxieties) in our flat is hard to handle - all affecting my productivity.

One field research had to be postponed (face-to-face survey), focus group discussions had to be carried out on an online platform, which was not ideal of course. Four conferences were canceled, and a two-months scholarship has to be postponed as well (I hope I still will be able to fulfill that visiting research fellowship in the future)

Not very impacted - just the electricity bills are a bit higher.

the lack of possibility to travel for archival access has basically put my project on hold, and since i have already acquired all the available online materials, i'm left unsure what to do next

The mobility was impacted greatly. Also, I planned to be at the library in a different country than Hungary to look at the literature I need for my dissertation, and look through various physical journals which are not online.

There is much less time to work, and even then, the quality of that work is rather low. I have a small daughter, and my wife, who is pregnant, also needs to work. We rotate child-caring activities during the day, which gives each of us roughly 3-4 hours a day to work. But the apartment is small, so even when it is my turn to work, I get distracted by all sorts of things. There is no quiet space, for instance. Also, I get mentally depleted with playing and reading to my daughter, which means I have much less intellectual stamina to make those few precious work hours count. It's pretty challenging overall.

My Erasmus internship in Slovenia was cancelled. This means not only not having the money I counted on to survive, but also not having access to archives and contact with the Slovenian scholars, which was crucial for my dissertation. I wanted to move it to September-December 2020, however the new Erasmus call was indefinitely suspended. For next year, I already applied for 2 mobilities, DRSG and Visegradi scholarship, both also crucial for my dissertation, but also as a source of funding when my scholarship expires. If this won't be possible next year, I will have significant problems in terms of research (I have to do it in libraries and archives), and also funding, as I will have no stipend. For a PhD student of history, mobilities are not only relevant for the work on the dissertation, but also for long term question of employment, and I am extremely worried for my future if these mobilities do not happen.

I struggle to work from home for a variety of reasons including inadequate space, a chaotic environment and an unspoken pressure that I should be helping out at home and doing jobs there rather than sat at my laptop all day. I struggle to justify what I'm doing as a legitimate use of my day to my family and I am often pulled away from my work. Essentially, my time has ceased to be my own, where in the lab I had control over my time, days and work.

I had to stop data collection, before finishing any of my projects. I do not have enough data to write them up (I cannot yet draw conclusions), so now I either start to investigate a new research question, design a completely new study that can be run online & learn coding for online testing very very quickly or I might lose like 6 month from my phd...

I really cannot work without routine. And i cannot establish it. Probably this is my fault

I think working from home is not a problem, rather the anxiety related to pandemic has substantial impact on the works. It is difficult to concentrate in a time when people are suffering from lack of food and lockdown. The anxiety is more a collective feeling than personal feelings.

lack of feedback from/discussions with colleagues slowed down the process of developing research projects

Not much. Being a first year PhD, my main concern is my comprehensive exam, for which I have gathered all the necessary articles and chapters from my readings list. I could not find some articles which I might have been able to obtain via ILL, but they were ultimately excluded from the exam readings list.

very unproductive, feel disengaged even more with the university and academia

I was able to use the libraries and university workspaces in Toronto where I am located; currently I must work from home in a crowded apartment with no proper working station.

Impacted negatively, as adjustment to home office and home schooling (and organizing quarantine life) takes a lot of time and energy and is mentally burdensome.

Impossibility to collect data; low production.

The main tangible impact was due to the change that the virus outbreak brought to our life and thoughts in general. Many of us have suffered from lack of concentration at the beginning. As far as the programme is concerned, the only issue was related to the departmental seminar in which we are required to present PhD project as first year students: each of us had too short time to present the project (10 minutes), thereby limiting the possibility to receive useful feedback.

No archives, no stipend i receive at this point so i had to work this year but now due to pandemics my job is threatened and i have no clue if i wl evwn have money at all. So not really focused on my phd but on paying the bills and have some food available.

Although my working arrangements are more than adequate, and even in some senses more comfortable than the space I was using at CEU, it is rather the external political, economic, and epidemiological situation(s) that have taken a toll on my work. I have become slower to complete tasks and have noticed a deterioration in my mental health which has, in turn, affected the quality of that work. Simply put, tasks are submitted late and in poorer quality.

I am definitely more distracted and less motivated while working from home.

No access to books. No motivation. Increased anxiety and mood swings

Working in a home environment as opposed to a work one makes mental concentration and life/work balance difficult. The difficulty is compounded by being in a single space with two working individuals who need to make calls/attend zoom meetings/present. The lack of access to certain library books and archival material also makes working more complicated. I will likely have to write a caveat into my thesis explaining why I was unable to access certain documents, which would otherwise be expected of me. The lack of an appropriate desk/computer/desk makes for sore shoulders/arms/ and neck overtime. In conclusion, simply being isolated from colleagues and those interested in the topic dries up enthusiasm and prevents the bouncing off of ideas that would prove fruitful to the final thesis product.

Given the short notice on the closure of the campus, I did not have the chance to collect my printed materials and books from the doctoral lab. Additionally, I used heavily rely on the books available at the CEU Library and I used to take advantage of the ILL opportunity; hence, I do not have access to these opportunities for more than a month now. Whereas the VPN services of the university works quite well, the unstable internet connection that I have at home creates problems in accessing online resources from time to time. The same applies to the doctoral seminars and the online courses I am attending. Considering that I am on the last paid year of my doctoral studies, the issues I pointed out are having a negative impact on my research as well as my motivation.

Working at home is not necessarily the problem, the whole situation is. It is very hard to concentrate with all that is happening. Further, the 1st year cohort was already impacted, in terms of time, by the Vienna move, and this didn't help.

I have less time to work, as I need to support my three kids as well (8, 6, 1 year olds). I sometimes forget meetings and I am not able to find a quiet place to concentrate properly. However, I am still satisfied because the expectations are also lowered, my supervisor has not chased me for any delayed work. My whole career plan is impacted, as I wanted to finish testing before the Vienna move, now testing is not happening, and I can not move to Vienna with the whole family.

It is harder to concentrate on work at home, but overall it is fine

The home-working is not such a big problem compared to home-everything else. In my case, I had decided to go to my country mainly because the political situation in Hungary scares me (besides that I wouldn't like to get sick in Hungary). I have left my apartment and my things in Budapest, with no certainty about when I will be able to go back (I am still paying rent) and in which political conditions. More generally I think my PhD has been impacted by the uncertainty regarding CEU in Hungary.

Not much, as I have all the material necessary available online or on my computer. I am currently on the writing phase, so I have collected all the material for my dissertation a few years ago.

I don't have a proper desk and chair to work on so I'm forced to do all the work from my couch, which was previously my area for relaxation. As I have one bedroom apartment the boundaries between the designated work space and relaxation space are effectively blurred, which negatively affects my mental health and the ability to let go of work-related stress. In addition to this, a long-term project of a construction of a whole floor of apartments has just started above my head so I get to enjoy the sounds of drilling and demolishing.

so far no.

hard to focus, to keep a schedule, difficulty because of the lack of access to paper material (books and prints); difficulty with sight given the too many hours on the screen; slow pace in reading and writing given the forced transition to doing everything on the screen

It is not much the fact that one has to work from home - though the physicality of it impacts the mental distinction of rest/work space and the lack of interaction with colleagues hampers creativity - but also the psychological dimension of the circumstances that make working from home challenging.

I cannot concentrate on my work in the home environment as I used to work in a library; thus, my productivity really suffers from it

My productivity is low, I don't have a proper working space and I have no support. I am isolated...

Live classes are more interactive and interesting. Meeting classmates in classes and around campus was always refreshing and useful. Access to library and printing services. Attending lectures and events organized on the campus. Staying home for too long can be very boring and unproductive.

It's more difficult to work on your couch as home office, but it's not untenable.

I was not able to go for a pilot archival fieldwork because airports where my destination is are closed. I am trying to get the information I need remotely, which can be challenging sometimes, but it is not impossible.

I'm currently in my DRSG in Berlin, so I don't know where I should go when it ends (May 31). As I cannot enter in Hungary and my permit will end in August 20, I really need some guidance about how to proceed.

Have you ever stayed inside a one-room with a kid and your partner? With one laptop broken and trying to use one laptop among 3, it's hard along with when you can't go out to even get food (different local councils in Hungary have put different rules regarding movement during the crisis). We need better support from CEU, with kids at home, closed in one room, we can not do much. Literally, in the last month, all I have done is taken care of the kid, no time for research at all!!

Q4.7 - Are you aware of any measures that have been implemented by either CEU or your department to support PhD home-working? If so, please give details.

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Are you aware of any measures that have been implemented by either CEU or your department to support PhD home-working? If so, please give details.

No, I am not aware of any such measure. We do Zoom meetings all the time. That is all that I know of.

No

As I am currently not located in Hungary, I haven't followed on information about measures implemented by CEU.

No.

No not aware

Accessssible databases are listed on the library website, there is possibility to request ebooks, and archival scans, borrow laptops by those who struggle with their equipment

Nope

No

As far as I know, iPads have been distributed to those students who had no or only a very bad laptop. The staff of the CEU library is so kind to search for/buy E-books which have not yet been added to the CEU catalog/databases.

There were some self organised online coffee session in the department. And our admin shared us some very useful online purchasing websites and tips.

Department is flexible with the deadlines. But I think there is little they can do beyond this.

No.

No

My department has been working on a pipeline to conduct online experiments instead of the lab.

Well, technically even the transformation to zoom/teams classes (instead of cancelling) was supportive, and postponing the deadlines helped a lot.

Yes, the grant application deadlines were more flexible, I get replies to my messages in less than half an hour.

No. I can't access printers, and I have no financial means to cover printing in outside-campus facilities.

No

No

no

no

No, but to me they are unnecessary, as I live in the RC that has amazing structure for us.

none

Online consultations and delay of the deadlines if necessary.

More zoom or Microsoft meetings. The emergency funding

No

I don't know. Most of the measures seem to be taken for master students in mind rather than Ph.D.s

I was offered great help with solving administrative issues and I had several email exchanges with librarians who were very supportive and helpful

No. Though, I've had some emails from our departmental secretary regarding the academic resources made available/free due to the COVID epidemics.

Deadlines have been extended which is super nice.

Yes. Flexible deadlines and extra financial aid for extended periods

No, not necessarily. It has been advised by my department that we focus on analyzing data or theory while at home, which is helpful. However, much time will still be lost to the pandemic for ethnography, which is the bulk of mine and my cohort mates' work at this stage.

My department (Philosophy) has been very generous regarding deadlines and restructuring meeting times for classes, colloquiums, and other presentations. Some of the professors have been giving short presentations on a weekly basis so we can all have a good discussion, and we have frequent "town hall" meetings to stay up to date about the department and CEU goings on.

Nothing really has been offered. Reach out for support if you need it is all I've heard. What this means remains unclear.

Nothing

Library staff helped me to access to some books, which I need

Apart from my supervisor, no.

I do not

I believe that computers have been made available as well as library resources to get our bibliography online. I made use of the latter, but I did not receive access to all the books I asked for, only a few.

Yes. My department signed up for a new online platform (Testable) which allows students to set up and run online studies

yes but it's more for MA students I think and PhD students are more or less more adult about their personal decisions so it's alright, as it is the department hands are very full.

Library access to journals, MATLAB licence for all, possibility to create own team on MS Teams

No.

I guess they do everything they can, it's just unrelated to what I personally need

no

I know they have weekly Zoom meetings for PhD students, and I think this is it.

They try to order books if they are online when I request it. But this is not something new.

Yes, a few of my teachers extended submission deadlines for the Spring term. Overall, everybody seems to be a bit more understanding and supportive.

Not really.

I saw in emails information about, e.g. the university making laptops available to students who needed them, classes going online etc in March, but as lockdown measures have not substantially changed my working practice, I have not looked into the details

It seems that CEU has implemented a few short-term measures (such as extending deadlines, changing grade requirements etc.), but these have solely focused on MA student needs. The impact of these measures such as increasing and extending the workload of TAs does not seem to have been considered in tandem. For example, adjusting the grading helps MA students, but there was no corresponding alignment to communicate this to TAs (i.e. we could not know whether a student wanted pass / fail or letter grade in advance) so we still had to grade and mark each and every paper and exam to a letter grade, then discard the ones not needed. This seems unnecessarily time-consuming. When taking part in online classes, it seems there is no awareness that PhD students are also parents - there is no flexibility in attendance, the fact children may come on screen, be noisy. CTL is an exception here - they have showed a great approach to being flexible and supportive and others should follow this. As a disabled student I am also totally left without support.

No

I'm not aware.

I only know that they are providing tablets if you do not have a laptop that could potentially be applicable to me.

It doesn't really concern me, so I didn't follow those issues. No, I don't know about them.

It is a bit complicated to answer. As the department has been organising most events as usual (e.g., colloquium, journal club, lab meeting) it was easy for me to structure my life according to the events they offer. But at the same time, since everything has been organised normally without any delay, I had a hard time to be prepared enough to motivate myself for research activities. I felt I was a kind of forced to adjust my life to departmental events as other students did (or seemed to do).

I am aware of some measures that CEU has implemented during this situation, but I am not sure if they target work from home specifically. Especially, for example, because they didn't really put a lot of effort into making sure that students have good working wifi or equipment to work from home such as chairs and extra screens, etc. My department also didn't offer any specific measures, except like moral support. I feel a bit annoyed actually that CEU admin is constantly emphasizing how successful they are in making sure everything "works" while not understanding that this constant focus on productivity is harmful and that just because you managed to move classes online, doesn't mean everything actually works smoothly.

At the beginning of the pandemics, my department shared info. about how to use CEU VPN (there are resources like Web of Science and lab server that can only be accessed via CEU computers, so the VPN is needed). Also, the department was quick in setting an online way to have meetings (Zoom), and so far I think it's working well.

My department has made zero efforts in that respect. For the CEU part I know they offered tablets to people who need them to attend on-line course meetings, and Library is trying to provide us with as much help to gain online access to the literature as well (they have been very helpful when I contacted them).

They regularly ask, how we are doing, the Head of Department is available weekly to discuss any personal issues.

No

No.

increase in library ebook provisions

Not really. There has been a tsunami of Covid-19-related emails, and it is not always easy to identify the ones that are really relevant. Having said that, I think I would know if there was some new policy in place.

Nothing that actually helped. I did not have classes this year, so it did not impact me directly. However, I feel very strongly about the lack of discussion regarding the long term impact of this situation on the PhD students who depend on mobilities and mobility funding. The research, financial, and career problems.

Not at this time.

I theory, it is possible to access the sever, but it is very complicated to use programs - e.g. for creating stimuli - this way (so far I did not manage to). The department bought a license for an online testing and recruitment platform. It allows however the creating of only very simple experiments and surveys, otherwise, for more complex designs (manyof us uses), one has to learn new programming languages.

I am aware of psychological consultations but they seem to be useless and a lot of people seek them => no free time slots

No

nope

I have not heard of anything from CEU or from my own department; however, since I am still affiliated with a university in my hometown as a visiting scholar, I have been able to see that this university is offering its PhD students a fund where they can apply for money to purchase proper office chairs, high speed internet, sound-cancelling headphones, and any other equipment they might need to work from home. This kind of fund is definitely something CEU can and should be doing for its students.

No measures.

No

No

Beyond moral support, a sense of constant administrative communication, and the knowledge that my department is, in a vague sense, "there for me," I don't have anything else to mention.

No

No

No

My department has "medieval Wednesdays" - weekly talks and seminar meetings which are lively and interesting. I aware that there are a number of psychological services.

Not that I am aware of.

Well... the department moved some of the events online and the few classes we had left when universities were closed were fulfilled in a lacklustre, yet effective, manner.

I was allowed to take my office computer home, which is a huge help. I was also happy to see deadline extension for the mandatory course and allowance on the grading (enabling switch to pass/fail).

Not really

We are now using zoom for lab meetings, journal clubs, research presentations, departmental colloquia, even PhD defences. We are currently discussing methods to run behavioural studies on-line.

No.

No not really. They offered to pick up our things from the lab but that's nothing.

no

I believe the university has provided some tablets to students without PCs?

No

I am not aware of any measure, other than cosmetic measures.

Yes. Whatever was communicated by mail. Postponing comprehensive exam for example.

Not aware.

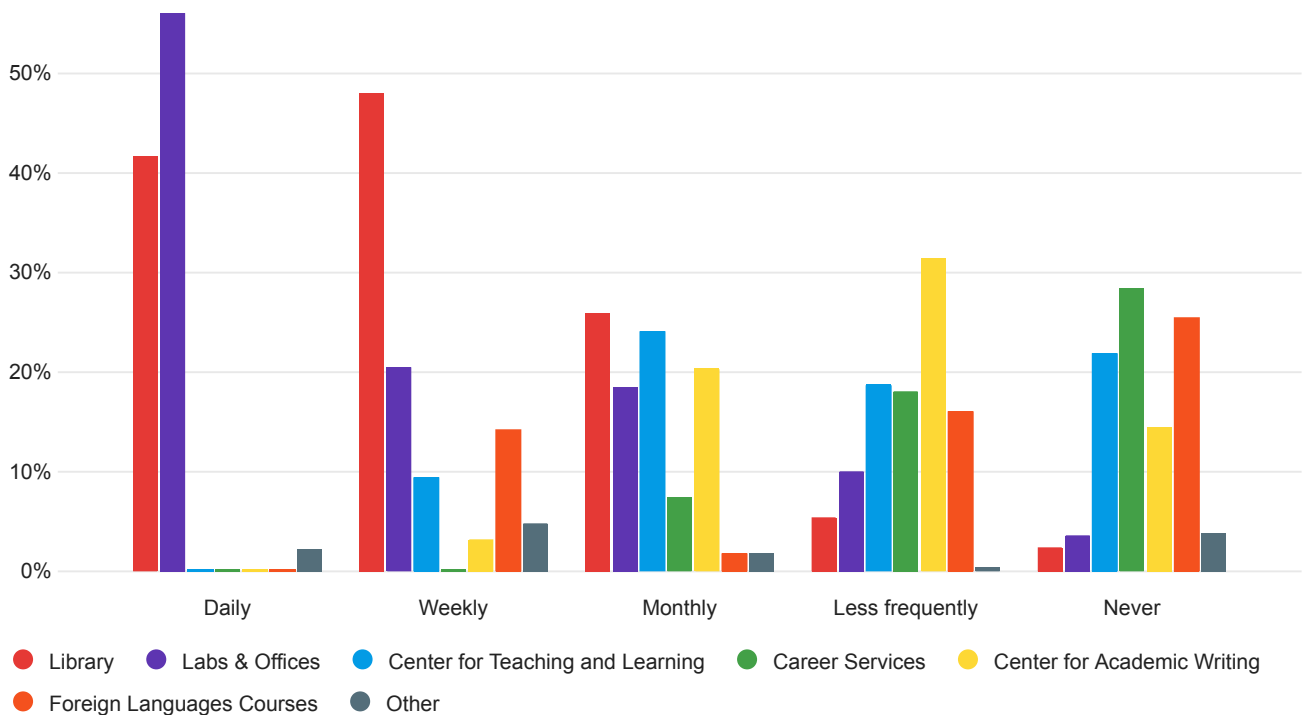
Yes, we have weekly departmental and PhD support meetings, information sessions about assignments and logistical help. The Head of Department, Head of PhDs and professors made themselves available for online consultations. Deadline extensions were granted when asked for.

Yes, I know about the Emergency Fund, but nothing much more than that.

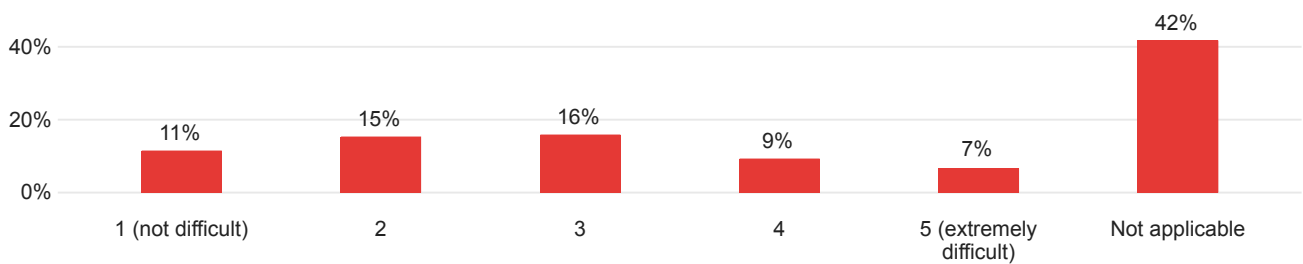
No, they haven't done any!

Not aware of any measures, not much communication from the Department either.

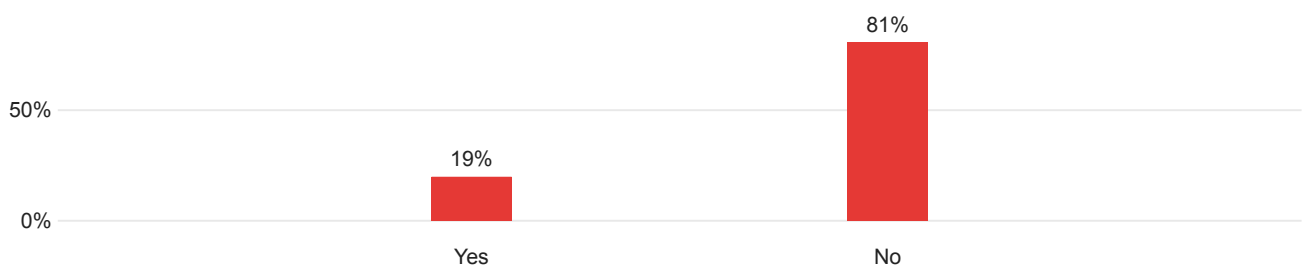
Q4.8 - Prior to the pandemic, how often did you access university facilities?



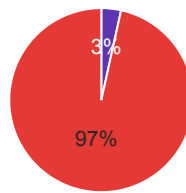
Q5.1 - On a scale of 1-5, how difficult do you find attending classes online, whether as a student or TA for that class?



Q5.2 - Are you currently on fieldwork/DRSG/GTFP or any other CEU related visit abroad?



Q5.3 - Have you been impacted by the COVID19 pandemic and resulting consequences? How? - Selected Choice



● No ● Yes. How?

Q5.3_1_TEXT - Yes. How? - Text

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Yes. How? - Text

I cannot visit archives and libraries in Poland, Russia and Lithuania due to closed borders.

My DRSG visit has been interrupted and there is now no telling when and in which capacity will it continue.

Cut short my field research, unable to return to Europe (Vienna or Hungary), unable to access belongings, working from location not anticipated with no community nearby

Field work has been impacted by the lockdown. I am unable to conduct interviews or access physical archives. In addition, most of the events I planned to study have been cancelled.

There's a partial lock down and some markets have been closed down. My research is in public markets.

I am stuck in the apartment in a foreign country where I do not know anybody nor do I speak the language

The COVID 19 pandemic stops me from participating to seminars and from accessing the library where the sources for my research are.

See above

Cannot return to Budapest. Limited financial means

The quality of collaboration with the host institution significantly deteriorated due to Corona.

Field research has been halted

My movements have been restricted as a result of national regulations and guidelines

I had to stop my fieldwork

I cannot conduct participant observation or in person interviews on sensitive topics that are not suitable for Skype or Zoom interviews.

I am stuck in Vienna with Budapest stipend.

I am stuck in other country, which no opportunity to return to Hungary or my home country

I had to stop my fieldwork.

I was supposed to go to Lebanon for a number of events and workshops that got all cancelled

Stuck abroad due to the DRSG

I had to stop fieldwork, I cannot travel to my second fieldwork location, I cannot follow one of the key events I was supposed to monitor (elections abroad)

My DRSG research stay has been shortened (home office from March 11, my DRSG officially ended April 8). I was unable to conduct fieldwork during April (Bosnia and Dubrovnik). No access to important databases.

Anxious about future of pandemic

my fellowship has been canceled

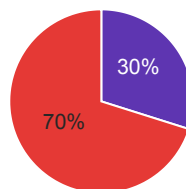
Like everyone my life has radically altered because of the pandemic; my teaching job has become online; the conferences (3) I planned to attend this summer have been canceled; my daily PhD writing and work has been delayed and I am way behind my schedule for completing my PhD. However, I am lucky because I am teaching and doing follow-up fieldwork for my PhD in my home country during the time of the pandemic.

Impossibility to travel to my field.

I returned to Finland from the US a few months earlier than planned.

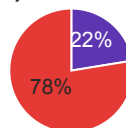
The university that I'm visiting is closed and I cannot enter in Hungary when the DRSG ends (May 31).

Q5.4 - Does your PhD involve fieldwork and/or empirical data collection?



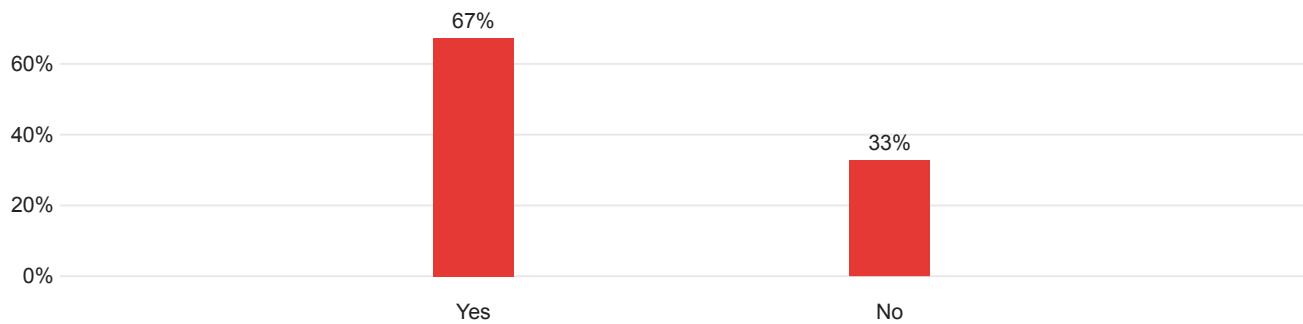
● No ● Yes

Q5.5 - Are you at a pre-data collection stage or currently collecting data for your study? (that is - are you still due to collect at least some data for your doctoral research?)



● No ● Yes

Q5.6 - Has the pandemic had an impact on your data collection?



Q5.7 - You've said that your data collection was impacted by the pandemic. Please explain in what ways?

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You've said that your data collection was impacted by the pandemic. Please explain in what ways?

I cannot visit archives and libraries located in Poland, Lithuania and Russia due to the closed borders. I hope to finish the data collection for my thesis by the end of the summer, however, the pandemic will delay this process.

It was cut short and I had to leave in an emergency from my fieldsite leaving things behind and not saying goodbye or closing out my work

It has been nearly impossible to speak to people in connection with my work. Online interviews are not preferred by most people in my area of research. The festivals I was due to attend and study have been cancelled and details of rescheduled dates remain uncertain. It is possible they are held when I am due to be back in Europe. Additionally, all archives and libraries are closed.

I have stopped going to the market for data collection. Might continue if there is a window of opportunity to do so.

I was supposed to spend most of the winter and spring terms doing archival work, using primarily collections that are not digitalized. Without a meticulous primary source research, I have little to write about.

I am in the final stages of the history PhD, when the very basic progress depends on consulting literature and acquiring complementary archival sources. Due to the closure of the library and the OSA, access to many necessary books is blocked, while acquisition of some of source materials is either blocked or costs me additional money (since I have to pay local researchers). In either case, this means progress is slower and requires additional funds.

I was planning to conduct more interviews for my dissertation.

I am supposed to start my fieldwork and data collection in a few months, and before that, I need to fulfil several deadlines to pass the comprehensive examination. The pandemic has put a massive issue of uncertainty on all my future research plans and tasks.

I planned two research trips to manuscript libraries to study newly discovered manuscripts for my research topic. This could hugely impact my previous and current work making me revisit my current hypotheses and reconsider conclusions.

The Open Society Archives in Budapest are closed. Only some collections are available online. Furthermore, I have applied for a scholarship for a stay at Stanford University / Hoover Institution Archives and have planned to start my research stay in April 2020. The foundation, where I have applied, cannot guarantee whether the stipends will be finally granted to the selected candidates. It is neither clear whether travelling to the USA in one year will be possible at all. Nothing of the material that I would like to check is available online.

I was hoping to give my comprehensive exam in June and begin with fieldwork in September, which would give me 8-9 full months of fieldwork. But now I have been informed that my department would rather prefer/ recommend all students give the exam in September. This affects the funding cycle I apply for, there is little information being provided to us on funding cycles as it is, and generally, I am unsure if the travel restrictions will allow me to conduct fieldwork outside of 'Europe'.

Had to return from my research trip a week earlier

Already explained in a previous question: collecting data became impossible, as I need to visit Hungarian museum collections and work on ceramic sherds. Furthermore, I was scheduled for a 6-month long research trip in China, which had to be postponed.

I need to do fieldwork research (visit church sites) in Croatia and in Italy within a year, starting from this summer. I am not sure how that will be possible.

Cannot conduct experiments in the lab.

I were to implement a large-scale, nationally representative survey, but the survey company stopped working due to the pandemic, no fieldwork is taking place. I'm screwed.

The lab was closed, so we try to run experiments online where possible, but that takes a lot of readjustments.

I had just applied to archival fieldwork research grant to conduct it in the Summer. However, I can no longer travel nor get the grant.

I was planning to gather another round of data for my work. I had been in the field and conducted interviews, which I planned to follow up late this spring. I could not travel to conduct another set of interviews and archival research, which I suppose would have added to the depth of my work. Fortunately, I have enough data to analyze and write for now.

Less collaboration with the host institution, due to which the accessibility to their database and insights is now significantly limited.

Entire field research has been put on hold for an indeterminate amount of time

I am supposed to conduct a nationwide survey prior to my fieldwork. The pandemic happened just before the survey started. Because of the topic and the target population, the survey should be face-to-face so that I cannot switch to online or computerized telephone surveys. Because it is harder to reach to people in the case country during the summer, even though the pandemic ends during the summer I have to wait until September depending on the most optimistic scenario. Normally my data collection process was going to finish by October 2020.

I can't test participants in the lab

The archives I need to access are situated in Florence, Italy. I wanted to apply for the Field and archival research grant, yet now that's quite futile. I'd love to have such a possibility in the next year though.

I would go visit churches and get in touch with archaeologists right now, but obviously that is cancelled.

I already mentioned it, regarding the ILL. Since a large part of my comprehensive exam bibliography consists of rare and old books from the region (e.g. Czech, German, Serbian, Bulgarian, Polish etc. books between 1880-1940), I cannot access them and will have to read only those available online or those that I happened to scan earlier (or that my friends have shared with me).

I can't conduct interviews because of social distancing regulations

I had to stop my participant observation, interviews and archival research

I am unable to conduct in-person ethnographic fieldwork and will lose months of time to the pandemic. This is especially difficult because I am not doing research in my home country and cannot choose to stop the clock or return to my home country and wait. I am stuck within these borders and don't have options to go home or back to Budapest. Therefore my financial situation will be affected as well as my research, since I feel I am wasting my stipend.

I can't go to archives.

Libraries and archives are closed for an undefined period, travel is impossible between cities (I have two case-studies). So it is impossible to collect any data

Need to set up a new online study. Learn how to use the platform and adapt my experiments to the constraints of online platforms

My plan was to return to my field (Philippines) April or May for the second part of my fieldwork. So I may have to recast :(

I don't know how to plan my field work next academic year + I cannot access some sources that I need now for the first-stage data collection

problems travelling

I had to stop my fieldwork midway through it. I had 2 more cities to visit and conduct interviews there.

I was supposed to do archival research in a number of cultural centers in Egypt, which are now all closed to the pandemic. The country is in a total lockdown.

Had to go to the US and conduct interviews with several experts, and to Lebanon for 1-2 months over the summer, for various interviews.

I was planning to go back to the field over summer to discuss about my writing process and outputs. It is important (although not fundamental) for the methodology of my dissertation.

Data source only available on campus computers

Planned interviews have been postponed, this sets my work back at least 3 months. For some interviewees / interviewers we cannot just move online because respondents may be deaf (or the interviewer), it may be about sensitive material, people have capacity issues, timing / scheduling problems across continents.

I had to pause my scoping trip (short visit)- and therefore, I was unable to collect initial data and set up for later field work and data collection, which impacts the timeline for my ethnography that was meant to happen in the fall. Also, in the fall, I was meant to go on a year long field trip to several locations but now I cant apply for any grants, and I dont know if my timeline will stay the same. Also, I worry about how accessible the field will be in terms of ability to access communities and institutions months even after lockdowns are lifted.

I was supposed to be abroad doing interviews on a DRSG grant from April to July. I'm supposed to be doing personal interviews. Obviously I can't do any of that right now.

I cannot do my fieldwork anymore. I cannot meet people for interviews. I cannot travel to the 2nd country chosen for my thesis. I am missing one of the key event I was planning on monitoring for my thesis.

No access to archives, the library or ILL

Simple I cannot collect any data from human participants. Experimental methods are our vital way of proceeding research. We don't know when we can restart our data collection because of the current situation.

I was supposed to leave for research in April, but this is currently not possible, not only because I am not allowed to travel, but also because, even if I would be able to go back to my hometown (where I also can do research), the institutions that I need are closed. Moreover, the archives and libraries I need do not have a lot of digitalized documents or are not in a position to currently put them online, so it is not possible for me to access them in any way. Since my whole second year was supposed to be dedicated to this and its a major part of my PhD, and now it seems I might not be able to do it for several more months, I feel like I am behind on my PhD schedule. Particularly because it is expected of me in the future to also do other things like TAs, mobility, etc.

There is currently no access to archives

I do developmental work at the Baby Lab. The lab closed and recruitment stopped. This means that all my studies (a study that was in progress, one pilot and a project that I was about to start piloting) stopped. And I don't think I will be able to run experimental work before I defend my thesis.

I was supposed to go to Tuzla (Bosnia and Herzegovina) and to Dubrovnik (Croatia) to examine Museum collections and important archaeological sites.

One field research had to be postponed (large-N face-to-face survey), focus group discussions had to be carried out on an online platform.

Libraries and archives are closed.

impossible to run a lab experiment now

travel to archives has been made impossible, meaning i only have a portion of the material i intended to acquire

I cannot be at the library and to the research I planned to do.

My Erasmus internship at University of Ljubljana was canceled (April 1-July 31), where I was supposed to work on an ERC project, to do archival and library research, learn the language, and be in contact with leading Slovene historians in my field. This is crucial for my dissertation. I wanted to move the internship to September-December 2020, and I still hope it will be possible. I was told by CEU that the call, however, has been suspended, which means that from September I might be without any funding, and possibly also without an opportunity to do research. I also applied for mobilities next year, DRSG from January to March, and Visegradi from April to August, and if this does not happen I will stay without financial means to live and without a possibility to work on my thesis. I was also supposed to do some additional research in Belgrade and Zargeb, which is also currently under question.

My fieldwork has been cancelled for the year and because of the very seasonal nature of it, I now will not be able to go until the summer of my third year. Meaning I will not really have any data until I have about three months left on my stipend

I already wrote it. I had to interrupt data collection and I cannot continue with any of my studies as they are not suitable for online testing.

Everything changed and I am not sure whether my field will exist after the pandemic.

It has limited access to certain interviewees..

already planned experiments will probably have to be changed to on-line design, the same might hold for future studies

I am supposed to be doing some follow-up fieldwork for my PhD right now. I have had to halt this work.

Cant conduct interviews in person, cant visit my field.

All archives closed.

Well, "data" in the sense of textual, visual, and aural sources for historical research. Libraries and archives are closed indefinitely throughout East Central Europe (and, indeed, everywhere else), so access to non-digitized sources is currently impossible. Again, since I am preparing for my comprehensive exam, this isn't the top priority. But my planned research trip in April was completely derailed, and I find myself having to scour online sources for my work.

I need to access books and archival materials in Krakow Poland and can not do so due to the crisis.

We were testing infants in our lab, now the lab is closed, infants need to be tested online, but online testing is brand new to everyone, the process is slow, we are not sure of its reliability. Also, some methods are impossible: eeg, eyetracking.

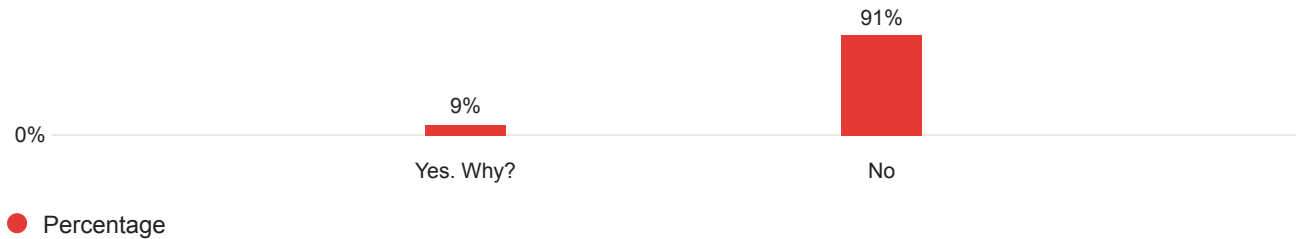
I was planning to run one study on children at the Zoo Lab, and one study at the University of Vienna (for a collaboration). I am now investigating the possibility of running both studies on-line (the first one requires little adjustments, probably - but will require lot of piloting; the second one requires extensive coding work).

I need an access to the CEU library and ILL services to conduct an analysis of the academic knowledge production over the course of centuries. There are a lot of books I cannot find and access online.

I was supposed to do preliminary data collection this spring in support of my comprehensive exam preparation and in order to define the field research that is supposed to start in Fall 2020. As now, I can't prepare properly for the comprehensive exam; the conditions of my field site are changing, my field research year will be either delayed or will need an extension due to the impossibility of having a proper preparation and to the constant change in the field site due to the crisis.

Really, are you asking this question?

Q5.8 - Are you considering dropping out of the program? - Selected Choice



Q5.8_1_TEXT - Yes. Why? - Text

13 Responses

Yes. Why? - Text

I will not drop out solely because I am so close to finishing (less than 6 months). I would consider dropping out otherwise.

I don't know yet but I thought about it because I feel like I do not have the motivation and power to write up my dissertation.

I have been delayed for almost 6 months, and I do not have 6 months of stipends left to compensate. I have to find work.

It really depends how long this goes on - if we lose 6 months funded research and there's no make-up for it or extension I just can't afford to finish.

I am worried if I don't do the fieldwork in the fall it will delay my whole project and these delays will make it very difficult to finish the project. I will be in my 3rd year by September, if I can't do fieldwork then, worried on when I'll be able to.

I have no finances to go through the program. I was planning to apply to write-up grant after the DRSG, but since CEU suspended all fundings, my partner being without job, and my parents struggling to save family business (with our house being damaged in recent earthquake in Zagreb), I do not see other option.

I am not considering, but I may end up. I am in my fourth year, running out of financing (currently on a grant) and it would have been hard to finish data collection by the time the grant expires even without covid. and now 6 months is out. Even if I can switch to online testing, I will have all those interrupted studies I have to finish.

Feel useless, sad, unproductive, tired

economical reasons: the current situation makes it impossible to earn extra money, the stipend is not enough

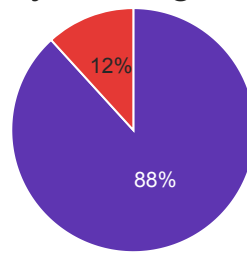
It is useless, i feel useless and helpless and not for a tiny bit supported

Well, given the current economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, I find it difficult to imagine a relatively open international academic job market existing four or five years down the road. Although the PhD program provides a sense of security, on the other hand to walk out of a doctoral program in a few years' time means risking medium-term joblessness, having to switch industries and careers altogether, or in the worst case being perceived as "overqualified" in non-academic job markets and thus unhirable.

If the current situation resists for longer time, I may consider pausing the program.

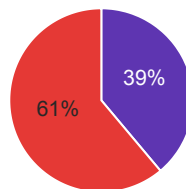
Because I'm afraid now that I'll never be able to finish Ph.D. so why waste time

Q6.1 - Do you have a disability or long-term health condition?



● No ● Yes

Q6.2 - Has the pandemic had an impact on your disability or health condition?



● No ● Yes

Q6.3 - What has been the impact of the pandemic in relation to your disability / health condition? Has this affected your PhD studies? Please give details.

9 Responses

What has been the impact of the pandemic in relation to your disability / health condition? Has this affected your PhD studies? Please give details.

I have asthma which was OK before but it is worse now.

Already explained previously

There is a lot of uncertainty about how the virus could affect my health given that I already have multiple underlying conditions. I also had to stop going to health check-ups and appointments due to the virus, and now I am basically in the dark about my overall condition (e.g. I need to take several blood tests in every month or so, and now I can't really do that - this gives me a lot of anxiety).

Discontinuity of treatment, but not at all related to the university as the treatment is conducted on a long term basis without recourse to the university's medical centre etc

Faculty seem entirely unaware that students are disabled and this matters for access. I am deafened - this means online communication is very difficult, it requires significant focus from myself, I can only manage in short stints with good connection and being able to lipread. Online classes are just a joke for hard of hearing people unless adequate support is put in place. My hearing aids also need renewal as CEU does not pay for this, I was waiting to save up for this in my home country, that plan is now over, so I'm struggling on. The equipment I have to help with my disability is all provided by me - luckily I have it. I'd like to see more provision of kit.

I have a generalized anxiety disorder and at the beginning of this situation, I felt like I was completely neurotic (more than usual) so I was significantly prevented for several weeks from doing any kind of work, or even some basic stuff.

I had anxiety disorder and OCD (officially diagnosed, but documents are in my home country). It worsened now and I don't have access to sleeping medications and other treatments.

I have a chronic respiratory condition that puts some stress on being at risk.

Lack of access to medication due to the travel restrictions.

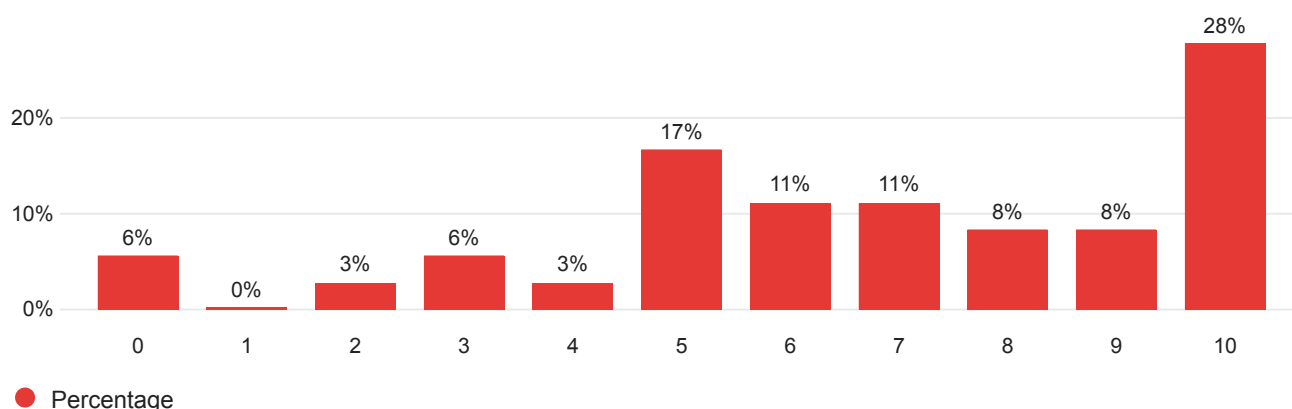
Q6.4 - Do you have to take care of any children, parents, partner, family?



● No ● Yes

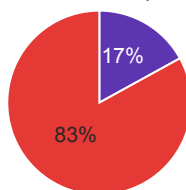
Q6.5 - On a scale of 1-10, how have parental duties / caring responsibilities have affected your ability to work? (1 not affected - 10 affected a lot)

36 Responses



● Percentage

Q6.6 - Does the current crisis and its potential consequences impact your research timeline, work priorities, and academic plans?



● No ● Yes

Q6.7 - Does the current crisis and its potential consequences impact your research timeline, work priorities, and academic plans? if yes, how?

111 Responses

Does the current crisis and its potential consequences impact your research timeline, work priorities, and academic plans? if yes, how?

I should be looking for a postdoc job while writing up the thesis, but the uncertainty of the academic market makes me think that any potential offer would be uncertain (I have heard on Twitter about academic job offers being rescinded), which reduces my motivation to start applying for positions.

Since I cannot make the research visits that I planned and finish the data collection and writing according to my schedule, I have to look for a part time job to support myself.

I feel forced to rush to write-up because funding opportunities are getting scarce, yet at the same time, I feel this period affects negatively my own work and has already taken a huge chunk of my time and concentration.

With no institutional care for children during the epidemic, my parenting duties severely limit my working time. This foreseeably causes months of delay in my research progress. I also had to cancel a funded exchange program because of the pandemic, so my funded months are further lessened

Makes it longer, further away anticipated finishing of the thesis

It is possible that the halt in my data collection will lead to my having to spend an additional few months on the field. This means I will not be able to return to Budapest to TA in January 2021. This would therefore imply a delay of 4 months or more

My research will be delayed.

Because of the inability to conduct archival work during the winter and spring term, I'll have to do that while having other obligations (i.e. TAship, conferences), not having enough material to work with right now means that I cannot use that time to progress significantly; catching up on the time lost now will, in a long run, impact my mobility plans, and hopefully not the the quality of my work.

Yes, yes, yes! I have very limited time left for an active enrolment. And all my plans for this semester are entirely crashed.

I am preparing for the comprehensive exam. Due to the closure of the library, it is not the most favourable situation.

There is more uncertainty about the DRSG funded visit.

Yes. I lost around a month of my research. My efficiency has got reduced because I had to arrange for groceries through online stores and train myself to not check news so often. I have had to switch to reading papers online (instead of from hard copies) which took some time.

Yes, I explained it before, I was hoping to have 8-9 full months of fieldwork and spread my fieldwork in 3-4 field sites across two continents. Even if the travel restrictions are lifted, the economic crisis and how it will impact a specific class of the population or certain organisations might make it difficult for me to generally collect data on my topic of research.

I don't know if the academic job market would be as dynamic as before the crisis, and perhaps I will need to find wherever job is out there. In times of crises, we do not get what to choose and have to accept whatever offer is out there

Well, we do not know anything. Should I be planning for DRSG next year? When? Where? What is going to happen to the academic job market?

Many advancements in my career and personal life were scheduled in connection to my research trip to China. Now it all have been postponed by a year, and at this point I am only hoping that it does not have to be postponed longer or cancelled completely. I was planning to enter the GTFP after my research trip, as I mean to include the knowledge I acquire there into the course I am planning to teach. I was also planning to start looking for a job and prepare my professional career for after finishing the PhD program.

The way I see things now, I'll be considerably slowed down in my research. Which means late dissertation submission. Which means big problems, e.g. the Hungarian government might not back the scholarship I was awarded.

I cannot collect data except via online experiments, which are less suitable for infant studies.

I think we will generally take less out of the PhD as we are unable to make any plans for conference attendance, summer schools and other academic experience gained abroad. Also the constant stress and insecurity (e.g. I am currently located in one country where I have to make ends meet while having to pay for my room in Budapest that I cannot even move out from as I am unable to travel there) are making it very hard to focus on research and proceed at a reasonable pace.

Well, without fieldwork, my research timeline gets dragged to infinity

We received one week of (blanket) extension concerning the deadline for the draft prospectus. Maybe I could ask for more, based on the fact that I am student parent (however, I did not yet). I am concerned about the coming comprehensive exam. Likely I will ask for extension. It is already among the uni-wide measures that the Departments are "invited" to consider such requests with due care.

I'm not able to concentrate due to stress and being worried for my family, monetary situation and prospects of finding a job after graduation.

As I am less efficient working from home, my expected submission dates have been pushed back

In general it will prolong the time. Also summer school cancelation.

may prolong it due to shorter working day due to the lack of social care system; helping with childcare and grandparent care in the family

I'm supposed to do my DRSG this fall, and had just finished setting up the arrangements with a host supervisor. Feedback from the Grants Office was extremely negative - they suggested postponing even further, and chastised us for "using this as an excuse to replace our stipend money with DRSG money".

quality of dissertation possibilities to apply for academic jobs

The DRSG had to be moved from September to probably January, which means I'll have no funding from September-January. This also means I'll most likely have to postpone my write-up grant and graduate later (October or November), which is again problematic because of job opportunities in the academia.

I need to find a work as soon as possible to make up for the stipend and fieldwork loss in time.

Yes. I have less time to focus on my work. I am taking care of my family members as they are in a high-risk group.

It has delayed the second round of my fieldwork, which I hope to conclude during the fall. I am not sure how grants will be impacted, since I was supposed to use the remainder of my Fieldwork and Archival Grant to fund the second round of my fieldwork, but this is only available in 2nd and 3rd years. By the fall, when hopefully the pandemic will subside, I'll be in my 4th year and there hasn't been a clear indication whether we will be able to use those unspent funds, which we were to receive.

The fieldwork is not as productive and more in general, it is difficult to focus on working..

The entire field research is halted for an indeterminate amount of time. When research is able to continue, previous results will be severely altered by the impact of COVID. As we do not know when the lockdown will be lifted, there is no way to gauge how to move forward

Because of the pandemic's impact on my data collection, my research timeline currently delayed for at least 6 months. I cannot do my survey and therefore the following fieldwork. My academic plans also became more complicated because of the cancellation or postponement of the available fellowships.

data collection will be delayed

We are heading into a worldwide economic recession of a huge scale - of course anything we will want to do in the future will be heavily impacted. We just don't know how exactly.

(1) I am at a critical year, the crisis totally destroyed my DRSG plan of spending abroad. If the crisis doesn't end, I am worried about my chance of spending my DRSG in U.S. or other countries. (2) I was planning to attend conferences and Summer schools, but now it is either canceled or delayed or moved to online, which makes the communication less efficiency. (3) Without these experiences for conferences/summer schools/abroad semester, I will be less competent when I graduate.

Like in general, or you mean some particular issues caused by the crisis? In general, I spend a lot of extra work on arranging my online communication. I worry a lot about my parents and relatives who belong to the most vulnerable group for the epidemics (my parents are pensioners with disabilities). So, overall, it makes my concentration on studies fly away.

I was looking forward to the research break afforded by my department in April but I haven't managed to progress with my thesis.

It has slowed or suspended release of official data that I need and it has suspended job related projects, meaning I have to invest more time looking for grants and writing applications.

The current crisis will inevitably affect my timeline

Everything is postponed or cancelled

Originally I planned to finish my data collection until the end of August, now it seems to be impossible to carry out this. I think that I will need another term of fieldwork. Consequently I stopped to clock (my phd stipend)

I will have to extend my fieldwork period from July (my previous plan) until November or December, to see if restrictions are lifted and it is possible/safe to continue fieldwork.

If I am not able to get back into the Schengen Zone, I'm not sure how I will proceed. Depending on the extent of the pandemic's influence globally, I've considered taking academic leave, but since this would mean not receiving a stipend, it's not something I would like to do. Also, I want to get through the program in the three year timeline, and this may not be possible at this point.

Yes. I had plans to save money and go home by the end of June. I am not able to save any money because of sudden home related emergencies and due to the pandemic I will have to extend my stay and continue paying the rent- which I find unnecessarily too expensive now.

Missed a Spring School and conference due to cancellation, which were great opportunities to network and get my name out there. The uncertainty demotivates me from searching for new opportunities as it's unclear when the crisis will be over. This is a great hindrance to my academic and professional development and it's taking a toll on my mental health.

I have to defend my thesis by the end of the year. I have difficulty finding extra literature I need.

I will need more time for my research because data collecting is now impossible for an undefined period

I am not sure whether I can start my fieldwork in october 2020. I might try to postpone it to January 2021.

Actually, my answer is "no so far". My research requires little extra activities other than reading and writing. Nevertheless, like anybody else in the programs, I depend on the extra financial opportunities that the University provides. As far as we are assured that we will be given these opportunities, despite how long the pandemic lasts, my research can continue normally.

I am not sure if I could do fieldwork and when.

My plan was to move to Vienna in septembre. This, however, is now uncertain

Yes, it does. First, I experienced a productivity crisis due to psychological/stress factors, so I'm back with my work. Second, all the conferences I was supposed to participate in have been either cancelled or postponed to an indefinite time, which is going to impact heavily on my CV.

I may have to recast because the shutdown made my fieldwork 2.0 impossible so may take longer (another year?) Waaaa

My data collection should happen in a lab. Until the labs (and the university) is closed, I can not collect data I need and progress with my PhD.

Worries about the residence permit; jeopardized prospective fellowships (which are in some cases suspended as no one knows how the next academic year will look like, etc.)

As I do not have access to hard copies and working home is more difficult with no private working space I think I will need more time to finish my dissertation. I also had been accepted to a conference and had applied to others, which all got cancelled. I cannot take my research leave in fall. All of these affects my timeline with around 6 months of probable delay in following my plans.

Worrying (about my health and the uncertainty that comes with this) takes up most of my mental energy. I am trying to control everything I can, but I have a constant fear of what could happen to my health once the lockdown will be over. I am not sure whether I should (and could I) stay in self-isolation until there is herd immunity, or there is a reliable vaccine?

According to the PHD regulations, we have 6 years to defend from the date of the comprehensive exam, and I am afraid I have lost half a year of the fieldwork due to the corona virus epidemic. Psychologically wise, I cannot be productive and write.

I will go back home as soon as possible and once I will be there I will have to reschedule my time and my research. So I think everything will be different

I am trying to make progress on my research by digging for empirics in on-line archives, however the process is slow given my lack of access to books and inability to conduct fieldwork. There's only as much as I can do.

I need considerably more time to focus and get work done; all my conferences for this summer are canceled most of which included publishing opportunities

Two conferences, which I was planning to participate in, were postponed. I also applied for a Czech scholarship and Erasmus, not it is uncertain whether I will go for an exchange program

Because I was planning to go back to the field over summer.

I care for my child 24 hours a day. I work 1 hour when they nap and at night. When I have extra work I have to not sleep to get it done. I'm barely able to do 10% of what is required of me. Like most PhD students I do additional paid work to help me fund my studies - this currently uses most of the little time I have. So I am doing close to zero PhD work. I am unable to access methods training as online classes are impossible, summer schools are cancelled. All this combined, I'm already 6 months behind in my plans likely longer as will have to wait til next summer to do methods courses. I'd expect the mishandling of the pandemic will put me a year behind schedule. This is also because of the seasonality of academic scheduling - its all contingent on certain periods and there is no offer of replacement til the next year. Many CEU students were 'rushing' to get things done before the move to Vienna as they are unable to move, so doing last course, finishing TA mandatory requirements, they struggle with this now and may have to commute.

Yes, it impacts my fieldwork, impacts my productivity and ability to access resources, software, and people. It also add extreme mental stress because the uncertainty and inability to plan for my project which includes a year of fieldwork is very difficult

I was planning on finishing my field work this year and writing from September. This has been rendered impossible, but I can't write now either so I'm stuck with just literature review as an option for work, but can't do that either because kids.

Conferences are canceled and I am less productive under quarantine conditions. Also, due to the uncertainty, I am not really able to make any plans, so I am not applying to any potential conference or fellowship like I used to do before.

Yes, I need to prolong my fieldwork. The issue is that I applied for a research stay starting in September, so I might have little time to realise my research project. And, obviously, the current situation is not easy psychologically, so it has been hard to focus on work when the whole world seems like it's falling apart...

It's not sure when we will be able to access materials and sources, and to travel outside of EU

Since I cannot collect any data from human participants, depending on when the university starts operating normally, I won't have enough data to write my thesis on time.

I was supposed to spend several months on research, some time in summer at summer schools, and then start a TAsip in Vienna in autumn. Now that I cannot do research, all my plans have to be postponed, which is also at this point hard to figure out precisely. The only thing I am sure of is that I will suffer several months of a setback to my research process, which will be difficult to completely squeeze into the third year since I also have other responsibilities, such as a TAsips. After that, I depend on mobilities and fellowships, but I am concerned there will be less of time because of the current situation and its potential effects.

The summer school which was important for me got cancelled as well as several conferences and I can not prepare for the comprehensive exam properly as I don't have access to the literature

I cannot run experiments, which is a fundamental part of my Ph.D. I will have to focus completely on theory. I am just hopeful that the pandemics will be taken into account when I start looking for postdocs elsewhere.

I was planning to submit my dissertation by the end of this calendar year. I was also offered a possibility of PostDoc research by my DRSG supervisor Dr. Gabrielle Kremer, at the Institut für Kulturgeschichte der Antike at the Austrian Academy of Sciences in Vienna. Without a write-up grant, I am left with no income whatsoever, and the completion of my dissertation and future PostDoc is now questionable. All other problems - not being able to access libraries or to conduct planned fieldwork, are minor and could be somehow resolved, but the desperate financial situation I am left in prevents me from focusing on any meaningful work. Not to mention I have started experiencing panic attacks since the crisis occurred, have a sleep disorder, etc., all things that are more than familiar to all of us now, unfortunately, and which are intensifying as I realize I will soon run out of money.

Since I cannot gather additional information I am working on the resources available at hand. This is unfortunate, since the data set I have at home is not extensive.

It is just the uncertainty. I still have my DRSG and another fellowship, and I am just not sure if these are options in the future. I am secure in Budapest until August 2020, but I am not sure what will happen after that, especially since I am 3rd country national.

I planned to apply for DRSG and go abroad this fall but it's uncertain if I can go

i still have research trips to make, and at this point i have no idea when i will be able to do them

Yes, it impacts my mobility as well as my plan to do the research I planned to do in order to finish one part of my dissertation and move to another.

I had a 6-week-long DRSG trip nicely planned for a Chinese university from this March to mid-April, but I had to call it off because of the virus outbreak. I initially wished to go somewhere else, but with the virus spreading across the globe and travel restrictions being implemented everywhere, this was out of the question. I am in my 5th year, and with my wife due to give birth in October, the chances of planning and going for another trip are pretty slim. I would like to finish in my 6th year, and I will not be able to leave my wife and two children behind, even if it is a small trip like the original one to China. It seems like I will have to let the DRSG go overall and finish without taking advantage of it.

1. The biggest problem is that I cannot do extensive research in Slovenia at the moment, because of the Erasmus cancelation, which is crucial for my dissertation at the moment. If the mobility can be moved to September, it will help enormously, but if not, it will be a great problem for me. 2. I also need to visit archives in Belgrade and Zagreb, before hopefully going to other mobilities in 2021, so I feel that my whole timeline is absolutely in problem now. Moreover, there is a problem of conferences, which are being canceled. 3. My PhD work will be threatened, as I do not have much more time for it, especially if you have in mind that the mobilities need a lot of planning in advance. I already spent months planning my next 2 years, and applying, and communicating, so all that time is wasted as well.

As I won't collect significant data until summer of third year, my schedule is now out by about a year and so I don't feel as confident in my ability to complete in about 4 1/2 years, which has been my previous aim

I already described it earlier.

Yes, mentioned before

It has shifted the attention to coronavirus related economic and political issues. I hope to overcome this shortly. I couldn't accomplish much in last one month.

1) it is not clear at the moment how empirical studies related to my PhD should be implemented, i.e. the unpredictability makes it hard to plan studies appropriately in terms of design, participants etc. 2) if the situation does not change this year this will slow down my PhD project and thus make it at some point financially impossible to pursue an academic career

I am in delay with all my work

The current crisis impacts my research timeline in four key ways. Like virtually all PhD students at CEU, I have had a "six year plan" in mind for completing my PhD, since CEU only provides stipends for about half the amount of time it takes to do the PhD. This has been a plan that involves both carefully scheduling a realistic writing/research timeline as well as cobbling together various financial sources to cover the gaps in CEU's doctoral funding model. Now that the COVID19 crisis has essentially derailed all of my doctoral, personal, and professional plans for at least the next six months, my "six year plan" has been severely impacted, which has put at risk both my funding sources for the coming year of my PhD as well as my ability to complete my PhD on time (within this six year limit imposed by CEU on its PhD students). To break it down in detail: (1) firstly, I have been unable to meet any of my weekly writing goals for the last six weeks due to the stress, workspace changes, and mental health impact of this change. (2) I have had to halt my plans to do some follow-up fieldwork to help me complete my data collection. (3) I was planning to fund my final year (6th) of my PhD, which is starting this September, with firstly the DRSG and then secondly the write-up grant. However now it appears that both of these funding sources will not be accessible next year for me. I have already spoken with the head of Financial Aid (Ildiko Torok) who has informed me that the DRSG will not be given out if academic travel is still frozen and if universities are not taking visiting students. This means I have no funding for the six months I was planning to do the DRSG (I have already made the arrangements to be a visiting fellow at McMaster University in their sociology department from September until February). (4) I was planning to start the write up grant next academic year once my DRSG finished, in March of 2021. However, I am currently falling behind in my writing schedule and am realistically thinking I will not be able to complete the first draft of the dissertation that is needed in order to apply for the write-up grant. This means that I will not be able to receive the funding I need for the last six months of my PhD. Moreover, this means that I most likely will not be able to complete my PhD on time (within the six year deadline imposed by CEU on its doctoral students). Because my work timeline and funding sources are now at risk for the coming year (my final year of the PhD) I am thinking my only option is to disenroll from the program for one year. However, if I do this, there is a high likelihood that I will not come back to finish the PhD at all.

derailed the plans to take the write up grant on time.

i have to postpone everything

Assuming we do not know yet what definitive change, if any, the virus will entail, I wonder how will the programme be impacted as from the second year

Well if no research no progress, if no time to work on anything related to my dissertation then no progress either, no funding no progress

In terms of timeline and plans, everything has been shifted to a later date. As for academic plans, those were always precarious. However, it now seems downright irresponsible to pursue a doctoral degree in the humanities while facing a massive global economic downturn. Although the argument could be made in the opposite direction—that doing a PhD in times like these is actually a safety net—in the long term it seems economically unsustainable to do so. With the potential that the academic job market for those with doctorates in the humanities will contract at an even greater rate than it has since the 1970s (in North America and Europe generally), it seems more prudent to spend this time to improve other skills and think about the eventuality of changing careers. So, in short, it appears that my timeline, priorities, and academic plans have become even more precarious in the past few months.

I was selected for 2 conferences which got cancelled later because of the pandemic. My inaccessibility to libraries also made it difficult to organize my bibliography and comprehensive exams.

All plans to participate in academic events, to visit other academic institutions to conduct my research got cancelled.

I had to cancel my studies and research abroad <us> where I was supposed to access certain documents for one of my chapters. I am now re-working my thesis strategy and changing plans of chapter development

I have put back my completion date and am unsure what will happen upon my graduation in terms of open working positions.

Considering that I am writing my thesis on three jurisdictions and making a comparative analysis of the frameworks of these jurisdictions, I was planning to visit one of my jurisdictions in terms of conducting my short-term research. However, under these circumstances, I may not be able to take advantage of the short-term research opportunity and the grant, as well as attending conferences or summer school before I finish my studies.

First of all I wanted to go and gather data in Latin America in my second or third year... I don't know if that is still a possibility. Also, this year has already set me back at least six months in my research timeline... there's no way to turn back time, so going forward I'll have to either work faster or secure a different form of funding after mine runs out.

I am not able to collect data as there are no subjects (we are working on online solutions, but the previously started study can not simply be continued online, we need to develop new ideas, designs). I have much less time to work, many times I am interrupted.

Not been able to undertake research. Depressed

This is my last year of PhD and I feel out of the academic environment (I had come back to a friend and will then go back to my father's house). My plan was to apply for the Write-Up Grant on August. Every collaborator of mine is now slower than before (which is understandable). The designs of the studies I wanted to run by July have to be re-adjusted and will take probably more time than thought - so either I postpone my graduation (with the risk of not being paid for the additional months I need) or I might not be able to include the studies in my thesis (or to submit the relative papers before applying for a post-doc)

My productivity significantly decreased under current conditions - the mental health impact of the crisis itself plus the current working conditions affected my ability to focus properly and progress as I planned. TA-ing through Zoom and leading the sessions online was also quite exhausting. I also planned to do a summer school for a language training, which also basically collapsed given the development of the crisis. I worry about my plans for relocation back home in July when my apartment contract in Budapest ends. Staying here requires extra funds which I didn't consider before. I also worry about the chances to relocate to Vienna in September and missing the opportunity of potential collaboration with other academics at the Vienna University.

Yes, - delay in the start of my field research year and a possible extension of the time needed in field due to the impossibility of doing preliminary research. - delay in the preparation of theoretical and methodological for the comprehensive exam or the improper preparation of these exams (given the home office situation, the lack of access to certain resources and the impossibility of supporting my comprehensive exam with preliminary research) will make me have to reconceptualize methods of theory while in the field, causing an extra delay in the timeline of my research - financial impossibility of covering such delay given that my stipend will run out

Delay in writing; impossibility to make plans for the future in applying for grants to continue the program after I run out of the stipend at the end of the year.

I feel isolated, without support guidance and with very little money. And time is running out.

I planned to use the DRSG in the fall term of 2020/21. So far, it seems possible, but if there will be travel and/or attendance restrictions in plan early in September, my research stay abroad will have to be postponed (so that means several months without scholarship).

I don't know where I will be in the next months. If I have to stay in Germany, my financial planning is going to be negatively affected.

Defense moved online.

Q6.8 - What would be the most beneficial intervention to help you get back on track?

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What would be the most beneficial intervention to help you get back on track?

An extension of the write-up grant's duration.

I think additional financial support for all PhD students would help with their work.

More intermediate funding opportunities from CEU

Support in childcare, or recognition that parenting duties during quarantine reduce availability for work. CEU could offer additional funded months for PhD student parents after the 50% of the time spent in quarantine / home office with children.

Financial help.

It would be helpful to receive additional funding for 4-6 months.

I appreciate the extension of the deadlines but I'm also worried that the funding I have will run out while I'm just sitting at home for months, unable to access materials I need.

I am a PhD candidate in the early stages of write-up grant. University administration already acknowledged that completion will take longer and proposed extension of submission deadlines. However, limits of deadline extension without granting additional funding are self-evident: students still need to support themselves, especially if they have care taking responsibilities.

1. Extend the 6-year active enrolment period (at least for 6 additional months - and reconsider this depending on how long the lockdown will last)! This is absolutely crucial! 2. Financial support for students who have to care for infants/babies at the same time.

The possibility to postpone the exam is already very helpful. A (partial) re-opening of the library in the coming weeks/months would, of course, make literature better available.

Extend the funded period of the phd program for a couple of months. I am under a lot of time pressure to finish the program in 3.5 years. The pandemic added a lot of uncertainty to research visit and personal productivity, which makes graduation on time even more difficult.

Funding for: 1 good quality study table & large screen desktop computer with printer at home. Extension of PhD funding for 1 month if possible.

Provide compensatory funding for a specific time period at the end of the official funding period for time we have lost during/owing to the crisis.

Dont know

Probably an extension of my submission deadline and the funds by at least a year would help in case I cannot do my resesarch trip next year and the data collection before that. The difficulty is that I am on the Hungarian scholarship, thus the deadline is set by the Hungarian government (May 2022 for me); and also I am not eligible for a write-up grant from CEU because of my scholarship status. Changing the second bit could be a help, especially in hoping that the Hungarian government might also provides and extention with the five-year deadline of submitting dissertations (which is in itself ridiculous).

I really don't know.

I don't think there are any more viable interventions except those that were already taken place.

Honestly, what I think would be most helpful would be if CEU could offer the PhDs an extra half a year of funding (in addition to the 3 years), as we have wasted so much time that we could have invested in our academic growth if it wasn't for the pandemic... And it's not our laziness, it is that we objectively cannot travel anywhere, make any academic plans, meet people who could help with our projects... and above all that, it is so incredibly hard to be productive with all the distractions and stress going on every day.

extra funding (stipend) for the time lost (i.e. for the period under lockdown/state of emergency)

If the spring term was extended to the end August, with the shifting of the deadlines on a rolling basis, proportionally.

Regular check-ups and clear guidelines by my supervisor; financial aid.

other than a return to normal working conditions, I think nothing

Extending the time for stipends, since also the beginning of the pandemic is not a working time. There are so many readjustments to make.

additional budget, currently my phd stipend is over and will have to wait more with the write-up grant since the lagging behind with my work and also because other grant had been cancelled (COST)

it would be lovely if the grants office could be more cooperative and empathetic in their communications with students, especially for advanced phd students whose academic life revolves around conferences, giving talks, doing the DRSG or teaching, all of which we need to contact the grants office about regularly.

just get it all done, lower the bars and graduate

I'm afraid that, beyond some form of financial support for the three months, there's not much that can be done. Otherwise, I'll have to look for full-time employment.

We need to re-set the clock to before the pandemic.

Delay of the deadline for the exams and prospectus submission.

Confirmation that funding that was supposed to be made available in 2nd and 3rd years will be spendable in the fourth as well.

Honestly I don't really know. Less worrying about residence permits and finances would be helpful for sure but I'm not sure how these can be better addressed as I feel CEU has been doing already their best.

Extension of funding beyond the 3 year time line

Extension of the current stipend scheme for at least 6 months. This is the most optimistic scenario. Otherwise, I have to find extra funding opportunities that let me to conduct my fieldwork as well. It will be extremely hard under these circumstances considering there will be less funding opportunities and lack of predictability for the coming months.

being able to collect necessary books from the library

Hope the DRSG can be extended and other exchange or any other kind of opportunities. I don't see the hope of covid-19 vaccine within a year.

The best scenario would be to prolong my scholarship for a month or two (it discontinues by September), this is so because for those month or two my university has been absent from my life really; to assist me better with obtaining visas (that's a mess what's going on in this regard, however, I need a long-term study visa for a foreign exchange program); to officially inform me when CEU is planning to resume its activities on site; perhaps I would like CEU to be more actively involved in an overall planning of resuming the normal academic life (does the university has any plan in this regard?)

I'm not sure. I miss the community very much.

Freezing the academic year, and resuming in autumn

Extended funding and counselor services

Moral and financial, hard work of career service posting fellowships and scholarships

If the CEU would prolong the PhD stipends with as much months as the virus-situation lasts

I believe it would be most helpful if CEU offered all PhD students an extension of the original 36 month contract, perhaps adding six months to account for these disruptions. Since everyone is in a different situation, and many of us in different countries on fieldwork with different regulations, it would be the most simple and fair to offer everyone a similar extension.

Divine intervention. Aside from that, I don't know what CEU can do aside from assuring me I will continue to get a stipend while I work from home and assisting in whatever issues it can involving transitioning to Vienna as a non-EU resident.

Some financial support maybe or a place at the RC.

I have no idea besides a return to a modicum of normality.

Nothing.

To extend the stipend period

A few months extension on the general scholarship

Definitely, the matter that concerns me the most for the short-term future is the financial one. I hope the University gives us the same or more financial opportunities to cope with the difficult times.

I think this decision about the fieldwork escapes university intervention.

Departments should make decisions about interventions that might be more suitable for their students and inform their students about it. For example, are we still supposed to submit a chapter/progress report in May?

definitely an extension of my PhD contract.

An emergency funding for extension would be good-- eg-- why not instead of applying for financial assistance-- assure the Phd students some 3 months + of stipend because of this disruption? As I am sure the shutdown will cause extension for most of us :(

Open borders

Prolongation of the stipend.

I would first of all think that extension of stipend for more six months could take away the anxiety that time is running out and none of our plans can be followed

Immunity to COVID-19. But that is not up to CEU. Sorry :)

I do not know to be honest.

The end of the pandemic and the opportunity to go back to the campus everyday

Extension for the period of the pandemic or at least a couple of months. Also, I expect that we would be able to use the grants - archival/summer school etc. according to a different timeline.

More time, extended deadlines

Extend the funding. Re-introduce the possibility of travelling with CEU grants as soon as the situation would allow it. It would be beneficial if CEU would not take a stricter approach to travelling than governments/public institutions.

Short-term - exemptions and flexibility for students in relation to class attendance, deadlines (not a blanket approach but a on request one) Medium-term - think about how pandemic and Vienna move intersect, some students are being excluded from opportunities now by pandemic and in future because of Vienna move Long-term - A funded extension which recognises phd work is affected

Financial support, additional grants (for fieldwork) and other income support and deadline and grant extensions from CEU as it feels like now things are delayed so I am sitting wasting time and money which will be stressful since we have a limited amount of time and money to finish the project.

Nothing really. I will ask that they extend my stipend from September.

Discovery of vaccine :) That aside, crises also put my future financial security under jeopardy. I have been doing lots of other paid work outside the university to cover the expenses of living with my family, No, many of them are canceled, so I feel less secure and more stressed, which I think affects my productivity. If the university will support the family allowance policy offered by the student group, I guess, it can bring some relief for me.

I saw that the administration decided to give flexibility for fieldwork and the use of fieldwork grants, and that's very helpful. In the future, though, those lost months will make it difficult and I hope that they will work out a way to extend the stipend beyond the 36-month period.

Opening of the library for starters

Probably to give me an extra fund for another year or mitigate requirements for a dissertation (but I don't think the latter is a good solution).

I think the most beneficial thing for me would be to get additional time after the third year funded by the university so that I can more easily do my research as I was supposed to, and still be able to do other requirements before the period when my source of income will not depend on CEU anymore, but on other institutions or work opportunities. I think getting the stipend extended for additional time is important because, although I can do some work for my PhD right now, it is mostly just intended to buy time and occupy me, but its not as crucial as the research work that I was actually supposed to do but can't and that I am not even sure when I will be able to continue.

Change of comprehensive exam requirements and more clear communication regarding what exactly we can do in the situation when we have no access to the library

I am not sure there is anything that can be done. My lab is checking the possibility of running studies online. However, it is still unclear whether the empirical questions I am testing can be translated into an online paradigm. I haven't really talked to my supervisor about this properly...

I urge CEU to enable us to apply to write-up grants! We have no real opportunity of finding a job, no funding opportunities otherwise, and since the CEU has already introduced certain flexibility with write-up grants (no need to be in Budapest while receiving, the possibility of extensions, etc.), I see no reason why my own University wouldn't support me financially in this crisis, instead of contributing to worsening of my already bad situation.

Postponing deadlines.

I wish there were some details from CEU admin about how to extend your residence permit. I am hoping that CEU will treat the DRSG as another write-up grant, and maybe you have to find a supervisor from another uni, but you could still stay in your current location and receive the money.

extension of the May deadline if possible

in an ideal world, i could just scrap this year and start afresh in september. but since that can't happen, greater flexibility for research trips next year, along with postponing chapter presentations, etc., would help, as would a few months of extended funding when the stipend runs out to cover for this forced period of reduced activity

Extending the period of completion so that I can use all the possibilities I can to use in order to have a good mobility I planned to have during the course of my PhD, so that once I am done with the dissertation I can also show that I went to different universities, did fellowships, worked on some projects, etc. This is another important aspect for me next to the financial one which would clearly come from doing these things and in that way extending my funding beyond 3 years.

More proactive supervisory support. I actually need my more senior academic peers like my supervisor to help me sort out dilemmas that pertain to research strategy and doctoral progress. I am literally fishing in the dark now. It would also be nice to reconsider the different types of financial supports available. As I indicated, it is unlikely for me to use the DRSG, even though I am eligible and I have already successfully applied for it once. Maybe some of it could be redirected to beef up the write-up grant. I think the write-up grant also needs to be reconsidered. Being locked up at home does not mean more time to work, certainly not with kids. Maybe make the write-up grant longer to account for this difficulty.

Possibility to apply for Erasmus for September; extension of PhD deadline altogether, which will enable us to apply for mobilities which are not possible at the moment; universal extension of scholarships for several months, as we will stay without funding, and the funding we currently have is basically wasted as we cannot use these months to properly work on our dissertations (when I say we, I mean mostly history students, but I think it is similar in some other departments which depend on mobilities, both financially and research wise).

To know I had guaranteed additional funding would be a real weight off my mind

Maybe extra financing to compensate for the months lost and/or help with data collection so that I can progress quickly later. Dropping some unnecessary, time-consuming requirements, could also help a bit, to be able to focus on learning new skills (e.g. coding for online testing) that allow some progress even during the home-office period.

I don't know. This is all about me & personal inability to work on schedule so probably only the end of this corona stuff and opening of university will help.

May be going slow and waiting to see some improvements will reduce some uncertainties. Some flexibilities regarding following strict timeline could ease the pressure and provide some room to reflect on ongoing research. Extended period of stipend could ease the pressure.

1) concrete advice from supervisors about the best implementation of empirical studies, suggestions of how to adapt research plan 2) working groups/reading groups to keep in touch 3) raise of stipend

maybe more online talks/seminars, especially for those who are neither TAing nor taking courses, to somehow feel engaged a bit with the department, students and faculty.

There is a simple solution that I can think of, which has two aspects: - there should be something like a "doctoral emergency relief benefit" (DERB) that all enrolled CEU PhD students should be eligible for (regardless of year or stipend situation), which gives PhD students an additional six (or even twelve?!) months of stipend, starting this September. It is clear that all PhD students will have their financial situation impacted by COVID19; this would be a straightforward way to provide necessary financial relief that will enable PhD students to complete their programs. - the requirement that PhD students must complete their dissertations within six years must be lifted. There should be no time limit so that doctoral students can take seven or eight years to complete if needed. It is obvious that all PhD students will have their timeline impacted and delayed by this crisis, regardless of if they are near the final year of their program (like me) or at the beginning.

Financial support for few months

Financial stability and a new supervisor

It's an open question whether it is even the proper choice to "get back on track" at all. The situation has changed dramatically; we ought to change as well.

I don't know

Flexibility to expand the whole timeline of the PhD program

Notion that all these months that are not being productive will be considered by the leadership in for example offering us few more months of stipend

A Covid-19 vaccine

The best solution would be being granted with additional time and funding for the time that I have already lost and will be losing due to the Corona pandemic.

First of all I believe the university should do all they can to go back to having actual classes. I know it is not entirely in their hands, but it'd be a shame if they tried to push online teaching as a "new normal". It is not normal and it shouldn't be normalized. Secondly, I believe the university should relax (formally or informally) some of the requirements for 1st year students giving them more time or a bit more leeway to fulfil those.

The time limit by which the graduation is expected (6 +2 years) should be shifted, potentially some extra aid would be beneficial after the financed period ends.

Extended deadline

I am not sure; knowing that we would be able to go to Vienna asap would be quite beneficial (although it seems that our department is committed to stay in Budapest also next year), but the pandemic at this point is unpredictable.

Having a work space outside of my apartment. Having extra funds to financially sustain my living situation, given that the research timeline is going to be extended as opposed to the original estimation. Having some way of accessing the library services.

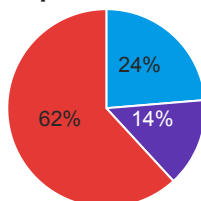
to be financially secure for a longer period so that I can cover for the delay caused by the current interruption due to the crisis.

Have this month or couple of months not counting in terms of enrollment time and an economic bonus in the form of an extra stipend or two; have a guarantee deadlines will be extended and mobility grants reintegrated as soon as possible; have regular departmental and doctoral school meetings to maintain a sense of normalcy and community.

1) Stipend for a longer period. 2) A real supervisor.

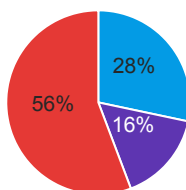
I need either official support/guidance for entering into Hungary/Austria or financial support to stay in Germany after the DRSG.

Q7.1 - Current status of PhD stipend, are you currently



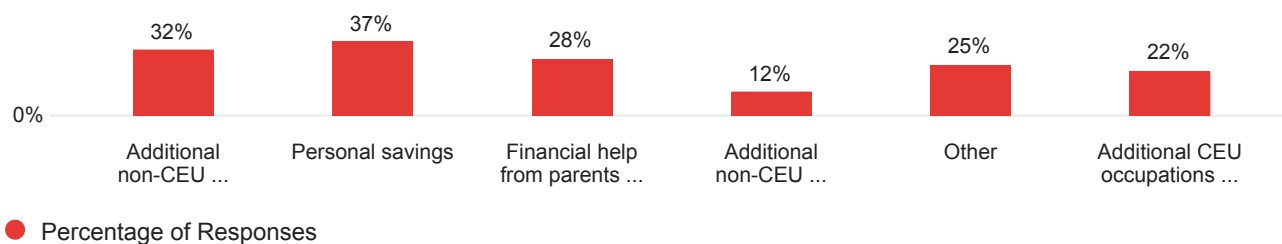
- Finished the stipend (i.e. exhausted your 36 months of stipend)
- Not receiving the stipend because you have stopped the stipend, paused or suspended it
- Receiving the PhD stipend

Q7.2 - Did/Do you cover your living costs only with the stipend offered by CEU?

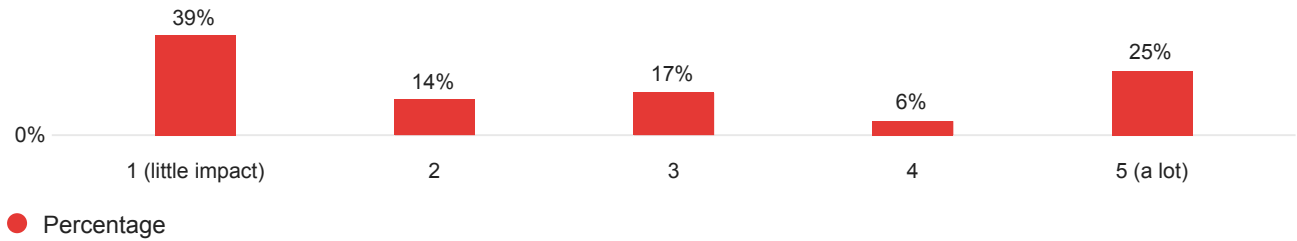


- No
- Yes, but I have free or lowered accommodation costs (e.g. own home, living with family)
- Yes

Q7.3 - What is your main source of financial income? - Selected Choice



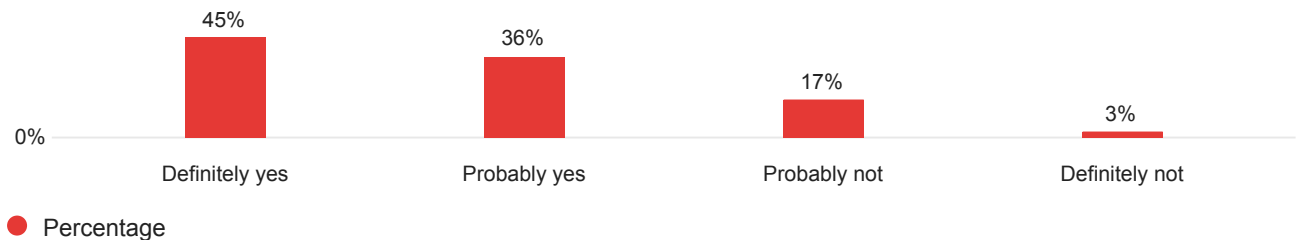
Q7.4 - On a scale 1-5, has the COVID-19 crisis had any negative impact on your source(s) of income?



Q7.5 - Were you planning to apply to any external funding which have now stopped receiving applications?

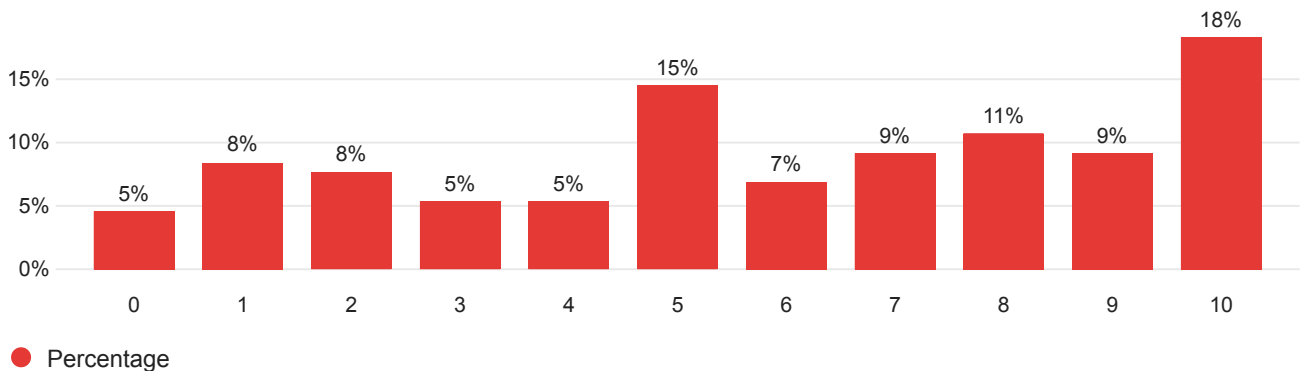


Q7.6 - Has the COVID-19 impacted your current or future financial prospects?



Q7.7 - On a scale of 1-10, to what extent do you think that interruptions to

financing options like external jobs, DRSG, GTFP, Erasmus has affected you? (1 none - 10 a lot)



Q7.8 - Do you expect to complete your PhD within the expected time framework?



Q7.9 - Do you expect to complete your PhD within the expected time framework? Why not?

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Do you expect to complete your PhD within the expected time framework? Why not?

I hope to finish my data collection and write the bulk of the thesis by the end of summer, however, due to the pandemic, this plans have to be delayed. I am writing on the materials I gathered so far, but additional data collection is still necessary.

Because everything is a mess and I'm trying to just stay afloat

Since data collection has stopped entirely and is unlikely to resume for a few months more at least, it is unlikely that I TA in the third year of my program.

I run out of stipend so I had to start working and it is hard to complete my phd while also working, especially during the covid-19, since I feel like my workload got bigger and there is simply no time left for my phd.

I lost at least 6 months because of the COVID situation. These research trips are absolutely crucial for the further development of my thesis and I had to postpone them.

I visited some other group for 2 months last year and am planing to visit another group for 3 to 6 months. I would rather stay in the program a bit longer to get more publications than graduate early with less publications.

In my department it usually takes 1 or 2 extra years to finish anyways.

I already lost too much time adjusting to the crisis; I'm coming back on track only now, 1.5 months in.

Because in general it is hard and the practice of other students in the department show that it takes always more than 3-4 years. Also the time during the beginning of the pandemic was not productive, and in general during the quarantine it is also hard to keep up the same phase. Data collection is affected, re-programming experiments to run inline where possible takes time. If not possible, there is a gap in data collection.

due to carework i have to do in the family and due to lack of money

Well, "expected time" in our department is definitely not 3 years, anyway. Many people in our department take 4, 5 or longer, so I'm not sure if I have a good idea of what is an "expected end date". However if all deadlines get pushed - for example, if I start my DRSG in January 2021 rather than August 2020, that pushes my graduation date even further.

I lost my DRSG, I lost my stipends and months to complete my fieldwork.

No. Due to the lack of time in these crisis months and due to the complexity of my research.

I think completing a PhD within 36 months, given that the first year essentially consists of classes is untenable. Average graduation times clearly support this. I expected to finish my PhD in about 4 years, with months 36-48 supported by the GTFP and the write-up grant.

It's been only a few months but there are several direct consequences of Corona and we don't know how long this will continue or that what kind of more direct as well indirect consequences will surface in the future. It is therefore almost impossible to make any long term plan now with certainty.

No, the expected timeframe was already quite unrealistic, so this is heightening that challenge by delaying my research by months

Because of the current delay of my fieldwork and financial uncertainty came with the pandemic I expect that the expected time framework probably won't be enough for me to finish my dissertation in time.

It seems this summer is now off my study/working schedule yet I planned it to be very work intensive. I will need to compensate it somehow in the future.

I struggled finding an appropriate topic and had to change focus several times, so I was behind on research even before the outbreak. Covid-19 just make everything worse by slowing it down even more

I can't complete the program within the timeline because the pandemic is delaying my data collection in the field

No one in my department finished within 3 years and is already expected to apply to external funding thereafter. I assume the current crisis will make this even more likely.

1. I had mandatory exams for two years, I am still doing exams and I did not start properly my research; 2. I had a lot financial troubles during the last two years; I had to work on part-time or occasional occupations, and for any extra-ordinary expense (e.g. health issues, robbery, family difficulties) I had to ask for help or borrow money since with this stipend I could not have enough savings.

Because the data collecting is impossible for an undefined period

because I might have to postpone my fieldwork

Most PhD students in my department take more than 3 years. I dont see myself finishing before sept 2021

I'm undergoing a productivity crisis. I'm losing time, but expected to do all that I'm supposed to in the period as before this crisis.

fieldwork disruption and tis rare for Phd students to finish in 3 years, really so i was expecting to extend a year but due to the pandemic, i think (i hope not!) 1 year longer than planned

I just need more time for my field work

Because of the fellowships that i applied for which are now suspended.

Due to limited access to sources and inappropriate working conditions

My program is not designed for completing it in 3 years. That is a bug that everybody is aware of in my Department.

I do not know what will happen particularly that my fieldwork is suspended.

Because of the delays to my fieldwork and impact on productivity

I need to complete my field work and no one knows when we will be able to travel again.

I don't know how much time this crisis will continue, so it might be too early to tell, but my fieldwork is seriously impacted and I don't know when I'll be able to go on with it. If it's beyond 3-4 months, it will be impossible to catch up.

I don't know what means by "the expected time framework". If it is an official period for the stipend (3 years), I would say no as the first year is basically full of course work and only two years left for research. If it is the maximum amount we can spend at CEU (6 years), then I would say yes (I hope so).

I think with these several months of setback, it will be difficult to do everything I was supposed to do during the three years that I am getting funding. I feel like research and writing will be even more difficult to do after the 3rd year when I will depend on other sources of income, which I fear will also be much more difficult to find than they were before the covid19 situation. In this sense, I think this will inevitably extend the phd process, which to be fair was difficult at this university in many ways even before the pandemic.

Since CEU has suspended write-up grants I have no other sources of income and no other option of funding.

Due to the unavailability of sources and literature as well as psychological wellbeing.

It is hard to know when this will end, but talk of things not returning to normal until a vaccine is found would suggest at least another year. That amount of time spent without consulting the rest of my archival material would have a severe knock-on effect.

I did expect, but now I am quite worried. So clearly I would like to finish within the expected time framework, but I do worry about the possibility of that right now.

I do not know at this moment. The right answer would be MAYBE, because my work really depends on mobilities. If I cannot go on mobilities, which were supposed to happen in my 3rd and 4th years, I won't have financial means to survive. So without funding and the opportunity to do archival and library research, I do not see how I can write my dissertation.

I still need to collect a lot of data. Progress in the first two years was very slow due to various reasons (circumstances, issues with supervision, changes in life circumstances)

Empirical work is crucial for my project, however, is not possible at the moment to the same extent as it was before

I will need more time for data collection

I have fallen behind in my writing schedule due to the stresses brought on by the COVID19 crisis. I have been unable to do my follow-up fieldwork for my dissertation due to the pandemic. The three academic conferences I was planning to attend this summer, which were supposed to help my career and publications, have all been canceled. Most importantly, my two funding sources (the DRSG and the write-up grant) for next year (the final year of my PhD) will most likely not be available to me, so I will likely have to disenroll from the PhD for a year until these funding sources become available again.

I took too many other responsibilities/jobs so far (part-time job, TAships, etc.) and I will go on a parental leave.

Financial condition has serious effect on finishing it on expected time framework.

Because I am not sure how much resources I will have.

At this point the question is if ever

No. Given the prospect that libraries and archives could be closed indefinitely, my research will have to exhaust online, digitized options for the time being. In my case, these are patchy in terms of coverage. So I will have to wait until these restrictions are lifted, however long that may be. The best case is that access to these sources opens up by the end of this year; the worst case scenario is that it takes a year or more before I can access my sources. In any case, the delay will be there; the sticking point is whether the delay is counted in months or years.

Considering the nature of my work, I think it may take 6 years

As I mentioned, I have to postpone some of my academic plans and, in turn, my progress will be affected.

This situation has immense impact on my previous plans and thesis development

I do not think that it is possible under these circumstances. Albeit the prompt shift to online education, I still do not have access to all resources that are essential for writing my thesis and I do not know when I will have access to them. Besides, the anxiety and the fear that the pandemic caused (especially within the first few weeks of the state of emergency- which brought up ambiguity about the status of my residence permit, my safety and access to health care etc.) resulted in a delay in my writing schedule prior to the pandemic.

As I said before, the 1st year cohort was jeopardized, in terms of time, by the Budapest-Vienna-Budapest move AND by the pandemic. I'm in no way where I expected to be at this point, and I do believe that these situations had something to do with it. Also, my framework did include some fieldwork and hopefully a DSRG that would really help me with the research, but I don't think that's happening anytime soon.

Data collection is an essential part in our PhD program. Theoretical works are very rare, usually we are expected to have published experiments by the end of the PhD.

because I won't be probably able to finish data collection by the time I had in mind (running studies on-line will be more time expensive)

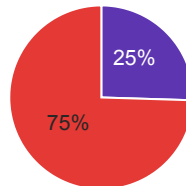
No, the current working conditions are less than ideal and some funding opportunities might be lost

Because of losing pressure time now, and the future need to account for the financial instability

Because I find very hard to work in those conditions.

I work in a context where fieldwork is subject to several potential emergency situations, so delays can be expected.

Q7.10 - Has your ability to work productively been affected in any other ways by the current crisis?



● No ● Yes

Q7.11 - You have said that your ability to work productively has been affected by the current crisis. Can you please explain?

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You have said that your ability to work productively has been affected by the current crisis. Can you please explain?

Parenting, inability to find working space for uninterrupted work.

As stated in the form, everything has been completely turned upside down and my life is scattered all over the world because of the timing of this and I can't access any of it. I pay a phone bill in Hungary, have bank accounts I can't access because I can't physically walk into a location in that country, have belongings in four locations globally, have to start writing in the middle of my researching, have an ocean between me and my small family, had only insurance in where I am so I was forced to come here. People are dying... Sufficient explanation?

Same as above

I don't have access to materials I need to proceed with my work significantly, I have an inconvenient working environment

I often feel anxious and not so motivated, I do not sleep well and I am often tired.

The general sense of uncertainty about the future is anxiety inducing, not being able to travel and/or socialize has also had an impact on my psychological well-being, which makes being productive more difficult.

To survive this situation with an infant absolutely dependent on you is much more difficult and emotionally hard. I simply can't concentrate on my work as much as I need.

To be able to work productively, I have to move to a one person studio so that I have better working space and don't worry about cross infection and noises. But the studio is more expensive. Financially I am very stressed and I feel quite anxious about it.

I need to keep checking websites of Spar, Tesco, Auchan to book grocery delivery slots. I am required to cook more often, which takes time. There is always some distraction at home (I live with family) I used to keep checking news websites for corona updates (I have learnt to not do it so frequently now)

My work productivity is impacted because of the following reasons - working from home, not having the library as an alternative working space, generally feeling stressed about what is happening outside in the world even if I am per se not affected, feeling stressed about residence permit related processes which also will be impacted, not being able to demand attention from my supervisor because I feel guilty when I think about the stress she/he is also going through, not being able to meet with colleagues and treat them like my sounding board!

I lost lots of precious time during the first weeks due to anxiety and isolation

No will to work.

First of all my husband also changed to home office, which is a new situation for both of us. Him being home, I found myself doing extensively more housework during working hours, which makes it difficult to concentrate on academic work. Secondly, this situation takes a toll on one's mental health. My plans have severely been disrupted - academic and personal: we were planning to start a family after I returned from the research trip this August; now this has also been postponed, and we are both above thirty, so it having to wait another year is stressful. And naturally, it is difficult to be away from family, having to constantly worry about our parents' health; being confined in a downtown apartment with no garden; etc.... All of this together significantly reduces the time I can efficiently concentrate on my work.

More difficult to focus, or to find motivation in my work given there is a pandemic and I have to spend most of the time alone.

I have already mentioned this in my previous answers: the constant stress, inability to make plans, worse focus, compulsive urge to find out the news and if anything has changed, as I have to get back to Hungary before the end of May, worsened working conditions in the place I am currently staying at, inability to consult my work with people as often and as profoundly as I would like to...

I cannot access the library, it's more difficult to meet with professors or participate in seminars.

as I said before – printing and coffee is gone

Stress, worries.

See above

It requires more coping, more support to and from the close ones.

I have anxiety through which I was receiving medication from the CEU medical center. I'm now rationing this medication as I am now stuck in a third country (not my home country, and not Hungary), as a consequence of travel plans made before the pandemic started. It's quite difficult to work with a giant cloud of existential dread looming over, while working in a country in which I do not have a residence permit.

emotional instability

I arrived to my analysis chapters, I can write as much as I can, but not being able to do the bit on fieldwork necessary leaves me in a situation where I will be maximum able to write half a chapter.

Stress and anxiety because of the COVID-19 crisis.

My housemate has less working hours now so she stays home often and often interrupts me when I try to focus on my work. It is understandable as I'm one of the only few people that she can interact with, but this is another complication that affects my productivity of working at home.

Because I planned my data collection process depending on my stipend scheme, I'm stressed about my financial situation during the data collection process. Apart from the material reasons the level of stress affect my productivity.

(1) Medical care is inefficient. (2) Gyms are closed, have no access to do sports. (3) Meeting with supervisor online is less effective than face to face communication.

I just personally struggle to work completely alone, being surrounded by colleagues on a daily basis has been an important factor in my mental balance.

Anxiety has impacted my work capacities; also, when I used to be connected with the CEU facilities it inspired me sort of.

I am confined indoors and have to take care of other people who cannot legally be outside for more than an hour in the morning and one in the afternoon. I am also separated from my partner, who is abroad and cannot visit. I cannot work in cafes or libraries because all are closed, and when I do manage to focus and work, it is hard to unwind afterward because I associate home with working either for my job or for my thesis. I sleep more than before but feel more tired and have to put in extra effort to disconnect from work

The current crisis is affecting my mental health

Worry about my parents and friends, unable to go to the field again in summer, no conferences and seminars

I have to work from home, and home office is not as productive as from phd lab/library

Living alone during my fieldwork as a third country national in this crisis has extreme mental, emotional, and social costs. Social distancing has affected my fieldwork, but also my mental health and ability to productively seek other methodologies. This is not only due to the general anxiety surrounding the crisis. but also due to the direct impact the crisis has on my social network/support system here in the field, where many are losing jobs.

Slow internet makes it difficult to access resources.

Aside from academic working conditions mentioned earlier, it's a massive psychological burden to be trapped in a basement with a barking dog and noisy upstairs neighbors in the middle of a global pandemic being politically handled by political officials with the temperament of a schoolyard bully and the apparent intellectual capacities of a cave dwelling fish (an insult to such creatures, surely!).

I suffer from clinical depression, anxiety, and PTSD. Of course it has disrupted my mental health and my every day productivity

Lack of access to medical services in person makes it tougher to get prescriptions I need and the thought of going out and across Budapest to collect them from a pharmacy is worrying.

I need high-performance computer to work or Cloud Computing Service

I am almost can not work because of the current situation, I am stuck in the other country, my legal status here is unclear, my insurance is coming to an end. I spent a lot of money in attempts to get back home, but the flights were cancelled and the money was not refunded. So I have to spent my time and energy on these issues

Hard to focus without informal socializing breaks

It is just difficult to focus on anything else other than the wellbeing of our families and people everywhere

I feel very uncertain about the future. Also, I am constantly "distracted" by news.

I have experienced anxiety issues that impact sensibly on my capacity to work and focus. Such anxiety is caused mainly by the feeling of indeterminacy with respect to my future (will we be able to move to Vienna in September? When will I be able to fly home?).

it's really just hard focusing and working as if the entire world is not in crisis-- you worry about the future and how finances would go

Some of the data collecting and theoretical work that I was enthusiastic about before the crisis does not seem very important in the face of current problems. This affects my motivation to work on or even to think about them.

Difficult to place heart and mind into such marginally important things like a PhD in current circumstances. People have more pressing and mundane issues to deal with, such as, surviving for a start.

struggling to focus and closed libraries

Can't work from home. I live alone, and I feel like my stress level is very high due to solitary confinement.

I find it exceptionally hard to stay focused and committed. The physical distance from the institution and from my peers makes the situation more difficult, but overall, I am really worried about my family, my own health and my future in Hungary.

I don't work properly in my flat.

Given I am stuck in Romania and my partner is stuck in the US, I've been having quite some trouble coping with the anxiety and the stress of isolation. Furthermore, working while sleeping on my mom's couch is not really the best situation for being productive.

It is more complicated to focus while working from home

I can't concentrate. My brain is all fogged up. Can barely read or form a thought most days.

Despite the possibility of working from home, the crisis generates insecurity and made my working environment less diverse and pleasant.

1) extremely hard to find work-rest balance while living in my tiny living space cause I cannot have different zones, so I am constantly at both 2) I have spent first several weeks of pandemic just being enormously anxious and trying to chill, couldn't do work 3) I feel that the current stage of my work requires a lot of inspiration and I don't really have any because I don't attend random amazing lectures anymore, neither really discuss my work with colleagues cause calling or sending an email is not the same as casually discussing things in the lab

Mental strain of the lockdown, but also, my project is very constructivist so I need to be in the field collecting data and this delay impacts my ability to do so

It's extremely worrying to see what is happening outside and it's hard to focus on other things. I've been pushed to engage in community work to help people, because it seems more important right now than my PhD.

Actually, I became more productive as I restructured everything from scratch and reassessed what I needed to do although I took quite a few time to restructure my life.

I think this pandemic is not only about affecting my "productivity" in a financial or physical way, but there is also the personal emotional and mental toll of living during this pandemic, particularly in Hungary, the isolation and separation from colleagues and peers, but also friends and family, whose conditions in my case are also precarious in terms of finances and well-being. All of these things make it sometimes impossible not only to work, but also to concentrate or do anything at all.

I can not focus because this situation is stressful and unusual and I am concerned about the comprehensive exam

I have a hard time organizing my working schedule. Before it was easy for me - I would get to my office X am and leave at Y pm. Now I am just not managing to do this. I feel distracted and disorganized.

I have been experiencing panic attacks and insomnia caused by my bad financial situation, I am worried for my parents (no sibling to take care of them), my partner lost his job, I have no support from my supervisor nor department, do not know how to proceed with this situation nor how to further plan the work on my dissertation.

At first it did not, but after spending a month indoors everything feels numb.

Yes, but this is mostly because I TA, and the last two weeks of the semester were extremely chaotic, not helped by the email from the SLO to students explaining they should go home. I had just a lot more duties than ever before, and there was the expectation, I think for a lot of TAs, that they had to figure out how to teach online and online tools ASAP with no pause, break, or reimbursement for their time whatsoever.

like everyone else, the constant worrying about friends, family members, etc., being affected by this has hurt my ability to work productively, as has my inability so far to go back home and see them

Again the same reasons I mentioned earlier: mobility, finances, but also worrying about being away from home, and being alone in another country without the insurance, etc.

- movement restrictions do not allow me to work in a quiet space outside of home - family members need more emotional and other support, which is also time-consuming - there is a sense of urgency that seems to trump other concerns, meaning I get distracted by just the impression that the world is falling apart - there is a fundamental reassessment of what I can do after the PhD is finished

I am trying my best to write on the basis of the material I already collected, but I lack library books for writing and it is problematic to write. I usually write in libraries, and do research in archives, so neither of this is possible now. Therefore, I cannot be as productive as usually.

I've just got so much lazier even by already low working standards. Shame on me!

My home environment is not an easy space for me to work in as I often feel my family doesn't see me sat at my laptop all day as an appropriate use of my time when I could be doing jobs and chores in the garden/house

I have to take care of a 90+ relative. It was not easy before but more manageable. Now I have to do everything instead of him and it takes a lot of time.

My family members are all in risk group and we have a HUGE corona outbreak there. They're isolated, but not fully because still have to do grocery shopping and generally a lot of people everywhere are ignorant about isolation in my country. The borders are closed and I cannot return home because I am a 3rd country citizen and I don't know when I can return back to Hungary if I leave. So I decided to stay. In addition, I need to extend my residence for the Comprehensive Exam that is September and still not rescheduled so I know nothing about residence, permits, future, field, whatever. I am locked in

A Pandemic can affect our emotional health when staying at home reduces the ability to create a good balance between social life and studying. This is a temporary inertia through which a lot of people are going. It will take probably one month to adjust and productivity will come back shortly.

It is not always easy to focus on one's work because of worries about family members, friends, future prospect, etc.

Social isolation is not easy especially when you have to deal with all other problems

I am sharing my living space with other people, and it is difficult to work in this environment. I do not have an office or proper equipment to work from home. I have family and personal stresses that are impacting my mental health. Most importantly, we are collectively living through a huge global crisis that will have enormous effects on our future and our livelihoods; I am finding it difficult to "be productive" because I keep getting distracted by the constant dread and horror of our current situation and where humanity is headed.

As I am not living alone and both of us are working from home, we disturb each other often (walls are thin).

It is difficult to focus on researches that are mostly unrelated to the current situation without taking time off in order to keep up with the evolution of the crisis. Moreover, we are supposed to be social scientists and cannot ignore what is happening now

Stress, mental health issues, lost my father few months ago so grieving at the same time, existential crisis, need to say more?

Well, as stated in a previous response, the external political, economic, and epidemiological situation(s) have taken a large toll on my own mental health and productivity. My own anxieties and worries are amplified to an even greater extent than usual. The direct outcome is that my work suffers greatly, plain and simple.

I feel extremely drowsy and frustrated to sit in a room all the time and hence extremely difficult to concentrate.

Working in isolation from other colleagues; being concerned with the news on the ongoing circumstances; getting more involved in family-related issues, are all reasons to be less productive.

No motivation. Poor sleeping habits. Lack of energy.

It's hard to concentrate on the research.

Increase stress level

Harder to concentrate at home; not ideal setup (desk, space)

- stress because of the political situation in Hungary, I am afraid I won't be able to go back there for many months, and the relative economical problem (I am paying rent in Budapest) - people I work with are less responsive

as already explained earlier - the working conditions at home are not great

- need to provide extra care to family members - need to invest time, energy and mental work, to prepare for lockdown, secure medicine, food, etc - not having an office to work properly and need to work from home slows me down: I share the internet connection and the space with others, we are all in online meetings and we cannot do it at the same time due to both noise and internet instability; difficulty in connecting with colleagues, difficulty in arranging meetings with supervisor and the fact that online meetings are not as effective as in-person - need extra time to read on the screen due to lack of access to print material - need extra time to write because not having print material as a reference - all the work that used to be done in person now is done on the screen: this exhausts my daily ability to look at the screen creating difficulty in concentration (eye fatigue and discomfort, headaches, difficulty sleeping) and prevents me from working productively on my research - mental health affected by the general insecurity of the global situation, financial concerns and border closure

The constant state of threat, however invisible and constant, and the worry for the impact of the virus set the body in a state of emergency response that burns a lot of energy: it is very difficult to focus on my research as if I could just continue with my work when the world around me is collapsing.

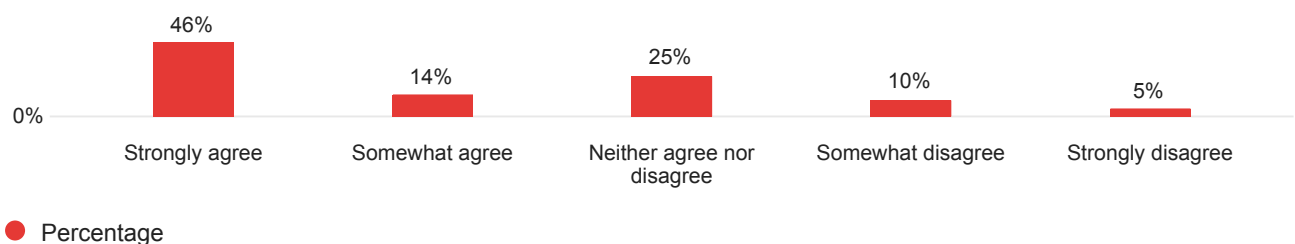
Anxiety, lack of focus, no suitable workspace, lack of money, isolation...

My normal working style is to switch places throughout the day, so, for example, I might start at home and later in the afternoon work in the CEU library. Lack of any recreational activities or meetings with friends and colleagues also contributes to the overall boredom from the routinized daily conduct. In addition, worrying for family back home and the fact that if they had any problem I wouldn't be able to travel back home.

I'm spending a lot of time updating the news about EU internal borders.

Mental health

Q7.12 - Would you find it beneficial if CEU changed the current contractual structure of PhDs from stipends to job contracts?



Q7.13 - Were you planning to move to Vienna in the next fall (2020)? - Selected Choice



Q7.13_2_TEXT - No. Why? - Text

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No. Why? - Text

Family in Budapest, own apartment in Budapest

I have no idea what is happening in fall 2020 literally no idea

Expenses

Still in the field

Because of my living conditions in Budapest (including accommodation, personal life arrangements)

Because I plan to submit my thesis by then

I am not sure yet but I want to use the opportunity to live in Budapest for archival research.

I would have been on fieldwork.

because im already in the 4th year and Vienna is too expensive

No stipend.

I am local in Budapest, and I was not offered any task or job to do so.

My lab will stay in Budapest for the next year.

I must finish my research abroad.

I will have only few lectures.

I'm at the final stage of my PhD, there is no point.

I have a project position in Prague

More expensive, won't have stipend anymore.

not necessary, I'm not taking courses. in process of renewing my hungarian residence permit and traveling to Vienna as needed.

i will finish by that time

Not worth it since I have only one year left.

I don't have to attend classes or teach.

But of course I am not sure anymore.

My stipend would end by then

my department is slow

there is no reason for me to move

I plan to submit my dissertation in September, so I am already looking for jobs.

Next year, I'm going for a foreign exchange program.

My research is more closely connected to Hungarian material and I live here.

I have completed credit requirements and do not plan on taking extra courses

Not applicable to me

because probably I have to prolong my fieldwork

Financial burden

Because I will defend by then. Hopefully.

I have to continue my field work

Parenting

I am supposed to start my fieldwork abroad

been advised that residence permit application is easier here in budapest for now, also vienna is more expensive

not needed

My lab from the Departmen of Cognitive science is scheduled to stay for another year. I do not agree with this decision, but I will have to stay.

Comment on previous question - the shift to a job-based, full time PhD should come with a drastic increase in pay, commensurate to the change in the contractual relation and comparable to other PhD programmes of that type.

I will be out of stipend by then.

My department will stay in Budapest for an additional year.

I will be in my fourth year

I was planning to go to Prague as an exchange student

I finished the courses and i hope to be on the write up grant by september/october

I will defend in October the latest.

I have children and the stipend is grossly too low, the support for non-EU is a mess, my family life is here, I cannot afford ex[pensive Austrian childcare

Ideally, I would be in the field

My program stays in budapest for now

It not affordable for me to live there with my family with a stipend.

My lab (Cognitive Development Center) will take longer to move. Other parts of my department are moving before us.

In the last year of my PhD I'd like to focus on finishing my dissertation, therefore I would not take part at many departmental events, nor I plan to teach.

I received a fellowship at a different university.

I am not sure if I would be able to continue with my mobility plan or not, so at the moment I am not sure where would I be. If that does not work clearly I would like to be in Vienna, but that is another issue--accommodation and life costs.

It doesn't concern me. I finished all required classes, and I TA-ed two times already. I see no need.

I was planning to do mobilities, in Cambridge, in Prague, and to do additional research in Belgrade, Zagreb and/or Ljubljana. And only sometimes visit Vienna.

My wife works in Budapest, we are staying and in case needed commute to Vienna

Because of my caretaking responsibilities I cannot really leave the country for more than a week, pus I could not afford living there. At Budapest I live in my own flat. there I would have to pay a rent.

I am not able to apply for Vienna residence because they require birth certificates and mine is in my home country + i need additional travel to put apostile there. It is physically not possible.

I need to be in the field for field work

I am done with all my credits

I was planning to do the DRSG next fall.

I will be on parental leave

currently in fifth year. Not sure about moving

Because i was not invited, useless.

More expensive

4th year my husband works here in Budapest

Our lab will only move in 2021/2022

It would be easier/cheaper to finish dissertation while in Budapest

my department is planning to move in 2021 (but I am not sure how many people agree with this decision)

I have no reason to do so as I have no stipend from CEU and I have completed my TAsip and other requirements of the degree.

I finish before that.

I only have a few stipends left so I am not sure I can afford it.

I stay in Budapest

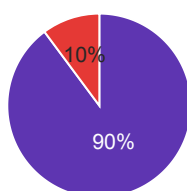
I was planning to go to the UK, using my DRSG.

I should be on fieldwork

My initial plan was to stay in Budapest. However, now I will go to the first country that allows me to enter.

Can not survive there with such financial support

Q7.14 - Have you initiated paperwork for residency / found accommodation?

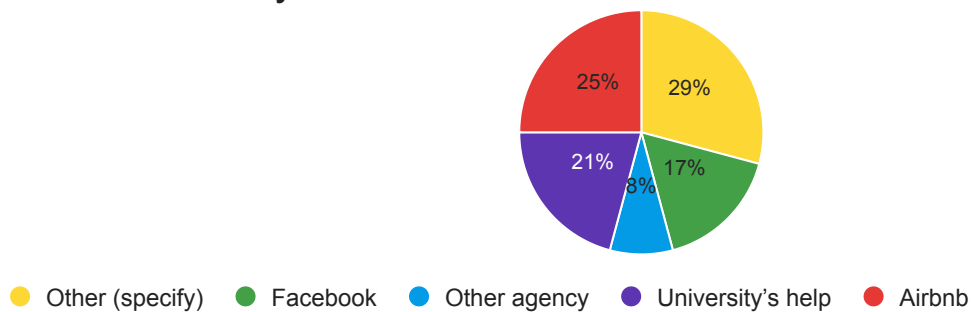


● No ● Yes

Q7.15 - Have you spent a semester in Vienna during this academic year?



Q8.1 - How did you find accommodation in Vienna? - Selected Choice



Q8.1_5_TEXT - Other (specify) - Text

7 Responses

Other (specify) - Text

Internet - student dorms website

Family

searching by myself

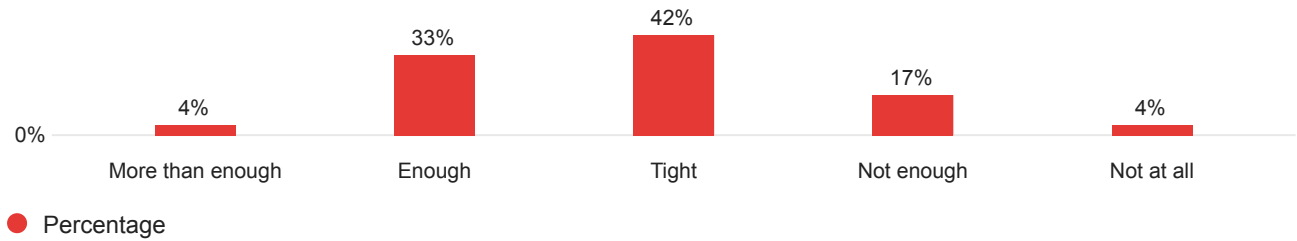
I stayed in a friend's apartment

partner was already renting a flat, so now we share

OEAD dormitory

I commuted weekly from BP to Vienna

Q8.3 - Was the stipend received in Vienna enough to cover expenses?



Q8.4 - How did you distribute the expenses of your stipend? (Total must sum to 100...)

Field	Min	Max	Mean	Standard Deviation	Variance	Responses	Sum
Accommodation <input type="checkbox"/>	0.00	73.00	44.72	13.59	184.60	25	1118.00
Food <input type="checkbox"/>	1.00	49.00	28.40	10.98	120.56	25	710.00
Transportation <input type="checkbox"/>	0.00	23.00	8.88	6.01	36.11	25	222.00
Leisure <input type="checkbox"/>	0.00	17.00	7.64	4.60	21.19	25	191.00
Savings <input type="checkbox"/>	0.00	99.00	10.36	20.37	414.87	25	259.00

Q8.5 - Do you believe PhDs should receive a higher stipend from the University? - Selected Choice

