



Interdisciplinarity at the service of society: Interpreting the evolution of COVID-19

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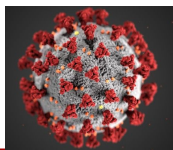
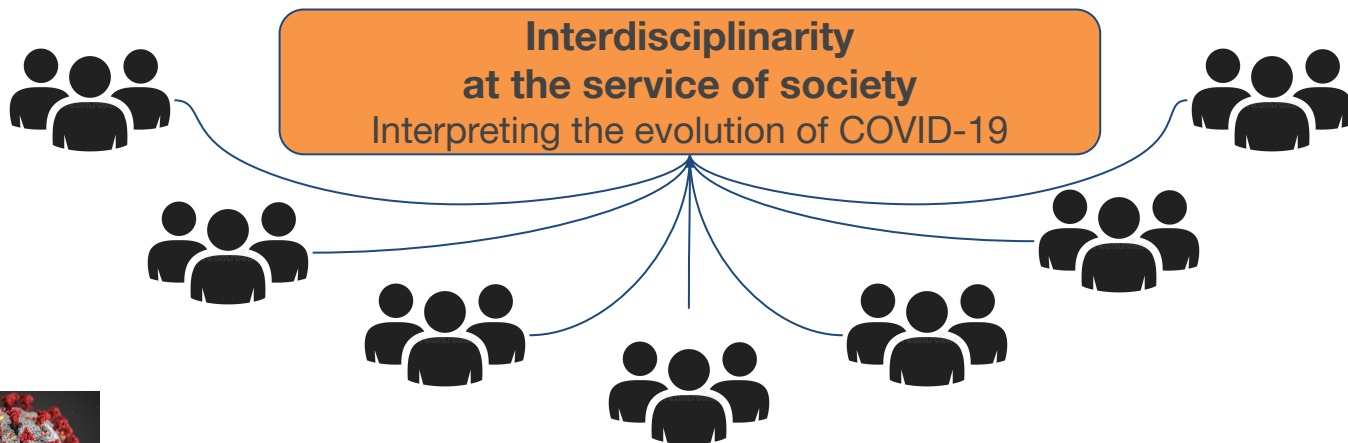
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Interpreting the evolution of COVID-19

Q0.1: How have the S-T-E-M disciplines interacted to investigate the evolution of COVID-19? What answers have been given and how have their advances spread to society?

Q0.2: What role does it play and how can we analyze interdisciplinarity when addressing complex issues related to the evolution of COVID-19?

Q0.3: How can this interdisciplinary practice transposed and diffused to secondary schools?



Virus



Society



Science and
scientific
disciplines



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Collection of news

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News 5 - Mathematics of life and death: How disease models shape national shutdowns and other pandemic policies - (25/03/2020)

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<https://www.seattletimes.com/seattle-news/health/mathematical-models-help-predict-the-trajectory-of-the-coronavirus-outbreak-but-can-they-be-believed/>

News 7 - When it rains it pours: COVID-19 exacerbates poverty risks in the poorest countries - (4/05/2020)

<https://unctad.org/news/when-it-rains-it-pours-covid-19-exacerbates-poverty-risks-poorest-countries>

News 8 - Five ways to ensure that models serve society: a manifesto - (24/06/2020)

<https://www.nature.com/articles/d43586-020-03832-9>

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1st guide for interdisciplinary analysis on the news

Based on the news that has been assigned to you, you are now guided to reflect on the following aspects. To answer the questions, complete the [table in Miro](#) with all the relevant aspects.

1. Which are the main **questions** that the research/academic/educational community has been studying regarding the evolution of COVID 19?
2. Which **STEM disciplines** can you detect that have contributed to this discussion? How have these **disciplines** interacted?
3. Which are the **answers** provided on the topic by the research/academic/educational community that the piece of news highlights (in case there are)?
4. Which **tools** and **disciplinary knowledge** (concepts and/or methods) have contributed to give answers/solve/address these questions?
5. Which **specific terminology** do you recognize in the text? Which terminology was already known by the non-expert public? Which terminology is new?

