

Planetary Health: What is the Role of Asia in Safeguarding the Health of People and Planet?





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While undoubtedly devastating, the COVID-19 pandemic is just one of the many contemporary challenges at the nexus of human health and the environment. Other forms of human-induced large-scale environmental changes such as the evolving climate crisis and rapid biodiversity loss are also anticipated to drive new health problems and further widen existing gross inequalities. To tackle these pressing concerns, planetary health - a new scientific field and ethical paradigm that integrates the health of both people and planet – was born. This session will introduce this new concept, examine emerging planetary heath threats and opportunities especially in the Asian context, and explore the role of Asia as a thought leader, solutions hub, and arena for inquiry and action – to safeguard the health of the human civilization, the Earth's life-supporting systems, and all its living inhabitants for decades and centuries to come.



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