Book Project

**COVID-19 in Asia: Communication, Nationalism and Technology**
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Bangkok, Thailand

*Editors: Dr. James Gomez & Dr. Robin Ramcharan*

**Introduction**
Following the international conference on COVID-19 in Asia: Communication, Nationalism and Technology, Asia Centre will invite 10-12 authors of papers presented at the Conference to participate in a book project as well as issue an open call. Once the line up of authors, themes and regions are confirmed, the publication agreements between Asia Centre and authors are signed and the editorial fees are paid, the reviewed manuscripts will be prepared and pitched to international publisher Palgrave Macmillan.

**Criteria for participation**
- Editors will shortlist suitable chapter proposals by **31 December 2021**.
- Shortlisted authors will be invited to participate in the publication project.
- Participation will incur a fee of **USD$300** to cover editing and external review.
- Authors will be required to sign a publication agreement, pay the editorial fee, commit to following the style guide and meet the publication schedule.
- Papers will need to be at least 6000-8000 words to qualify for the publication project.
- The Editors will provide the necessary input during the review process.
- Selected authors to confirm participation in the project, by paying fee and signing publication agreement by **15 January 2022**.
- Inclusion in the final manuscript will depend on the final paper being approved by the Editors and the external reviewers.
- Manuscripts selected by Asia Centre will undergo up to two reviews by Asia Centre. Thereafter, papers that are not completed and/or do not meet the required standard by **28 February 2022**, will not be included in the final submission to the publisher.
- Only in exceptional cases, Asia Centre can offer a third and final review, but this will require an additional fee of **USD$300**.
- *N.B. No refunds will be provided for papers that do not successfully pass the Asia Centre and/or external review.*
- Authors whose chapter proposals are not shortlisted, but who are interested in participating and able to cover the publication project fee can contact the editors to discuss how their papers can be revised for consideration.

**Publication Schedule**

| October - December 2021 | Shortlisted chapters selected by 31 December 2021.<br>Selected authors to confirm participation in the project, pay fees and sign publication agreement by 15 January 2022. |
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| January – March 2022 | Papers to be submitted by 28 February 2022 for first review by Editors<br>Thereafter authors revise and submit their papers by 31 March 2022 |
| April – May 2022 | Editors will submit the manuscript to a selected publisher for external review. |
| June – July 2022 | 2nd Review by Editors and External Review Board<br>Following the combined feedback of the editors and external review board, authors will have one month to make revisions.<br>Revised papers are due on 31 July 2022 |
| August 2022 | Compilation and editing of the final manuscript. |
| September 2022 | Submission to selected publisher |
| Tentative publication and launch - end of Q2, 2023* | |

 *Note:  This, and all other deadlines, may be adjusted at the discretion of the editors to meet exigencies of the editing, review and publication process as well as to speed up the process when the opportunity presents itself.

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