

## Launch Event

# NORRAG Special Issue 06

## States of Emergency: Education in the Time of COVID-19

### Date and Venue

**When:** Wed 06.10.2021, 15:00 – 16:30 (CEST/GVA)

**Where:** Online – Registration [here](#)

On 6 October at 15:00 – 16:30 CEST, NORRAG is organising the launch event for the sixth edition of NORRAG Special Issue (NSI) “[States of Emergency: Education in the Time of COVID-19.](#)”

NSI 06 seeks to conceptualise the multiple emergencies brought about by COVID-19 as it presents the world not only with a biological and health emergency, but also a political, economic and social emergency intertwined. Read in its entirety, this NORRAG Special Issue highlights the ways in which these emergencies in education are interconnected.

### About the event

The event will feature a panel discussion with guest editors Associate Professor Will Brehm, Professor Elaine Unterhalter and Professor Moses Oketch, UCL Institute of Education, United Kingdom, as well as authors of each of NSI 06 parts:

**Part 1** focuses on the site of **Inequalities**. Indeed, it has become almost a truism to say that the pandemic revealed and furthered inequalities globally, nationally and locally.

**Part 2** focuses on the site of **Technology**, another major area often discussed in the nascent literature on COVID-19 and education.

In **Part 3**, the focus is on **States**. How and to what effect has the state been reconfigured during the pandemic?

**Part 4** widens the focus to one of the central tenets of modernity: **Progress**.

**Part 5** looks at the pandemic and its impact on education through the lens of **Affect**.

Finally, in **Part 6**, the NORRAG Special Issue turns to the next emergency already with us. This section is called **Nature**.

Agenda 15:00 - 16:30

### Welcome

*Maira V. Faul*, Executive Director, NORRAG, Switzerland

### Introduction

*Will Brehm*, Associate Professor, UCL Institute of Education, UK

*Elaine Unterhalter*, Professor, UCL Institute of Education, UK

*Moses Oketch*, Professor, UCL Institute of Education, UK

### Presentation by the authors

#### Part 1 : Inequalities

*Frances Stewart*, Professor Emeritus, University of Oxford, UK

#### Part 2 : Technology

*Ulrike Rivett*, Professor, Department of Information Systems, University of Cape Town, South Africa

#### Part 3 : States

*Adam Habib*, Professor and Director, School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London, UK

#### Part 4 : Progress

*Keita Takayama*, Professor, Graduate School of Education, Kyoto University, Japan

#### Part 5 : Affect

*Irving Epstein*, Professor of Peace and Social Justice Emeritus, Illinois Wesleyan University, USA

#### Part 6 : Nature

*Iveta Silova*, Professor, Arizona State University, USA

### Q&A with the audience

*Maira V. Faul*, Executive Director, NORRAG, Switzerland

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