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COVID-19 Impacts on Work and Life

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Details : **Meeting ID: 946 5256 1828 (Passcode: 067420)**

Abstract: The COVID-19 pandemic has created an unprecedented natural experiment that has affected several spheres of work and life. This presentation will primarily discuss an ongoing large-scale research project among thousands of knowledge workers in the US to study the impact of the forced remote work on various job outcomes—the primary paper underlying the presentation will be a recently accepted paper from this project in the Journal of Applied Psychology. A secondary discussion, time permitting, will focus on a related project that is based on an ongoing study (which is expected to continue until approximately March 2022 for a total period of 2 years) conducted in India among approximately 1,600 heads of lower-income households who have been out work since March 2020, with a particular focus on various quality of life indicators including but not limited to depression.

Biography: Viswanath Venkatesh, who completed his PhD at the University of Minnesota, is an Eminent Scholar and Verizon Chair of Business Information Technology at the Pamplin College of Business, Virginia Tech. He is widely regarded as one of the most influential scientists, both in terms of premier journal publications and citation impact (e.g., Thomson Reuters' highlycited.com, Emerald Citations, SSRN, PLoS Biology), with a recent ranking of 659th (out of ~8 million scientists in all fields) and 1st in the field of information systems. His research focuses on understanding the diffusion of technologies in organizations and society. His favorite project focuses on improving the quality of life of the poorest of the poor in India—which he has presented in various forums including at the United Nations. The sponsorship of his research has been about US\$10M. His work has appeared in leading journals in human-computer interaction, information systems, organizational behavior, psychology, marketing, medical informatics, and operations management, and included best paper awards (e.g., Academy of Management Journal). His works have been cited over 115,000 times (Google Scholar) and about 36,000 times (Web of Science), with an h-index of 74 and i-10 index of 117. He developed and maintains an IS research rankings website that has received many accolades from the academic community including AIS' Technology Legacy Award. He has served in editorial roles in various journals. He is a Fellow of the Association for Information Systems (AIS) and the Information Systems Society, INFORMS.