





Forests, nature, and public space during the global pandemic

IUFRO Division 6 'Social Aspects of Forests and Forestry' webinar series

Friday March 19th, 2021, 14.00-15.00 hrs Central European Time

This webinar, the first in a series hosted by IUFRO's Division 6, presents and discusses research on the role of forests, nature, and public space in urban areas during the Covid-19 pandemic. How have our local green spaces helped us to cope with the public health crisis? Have we seen changes in the use and perception of urban nature? Will this affect the way in which we plan, design, and manage our urban green areas and public spaces, and perhaps even our cities?

14.00-14.05	Welcome and introduction	<i>Dr Cecil Konijnendijk</i> Coordinator of IUFRO Division 6 and Director of the Nature Based Solutions Institute Barcelona, Spain	
14.05-14.15	What can we learn from people's usage and expressed need for urban green spaces during the lockdown?	<i>Dr Francesca Ugolini</i> Researcher, Institute of Bioeconomy – National Research Council Florence, Italy	
14.15-14.25	Impacts of COVID-19 on America's Urban Natural Areas	<i>Dr Clara Pregitzer</i> Deputy Director of Conservation Science, Natural Areas Conservancy New York, USA	
14.25-14.35	How are Malaysian leisure and recreational users coping with mental and physical health during the Covid-19 pandemic?	<i>Dr Sreetheran Maruthaveeran</i> Senior Lecturer, Department of Landscape Architecture, Universiti Putra Malaysia Serdang, Malaysia	
14.35-14.45	The impact of COVID-19 on public space: an early review of the emerging questions – design, perceptions and inequities	<i>Dr Jordi Honey-Rosés</i> Associate Professor, School of Community and Regional Planning, University of British Columbia Vancouver, Canada	
14.45-15.00	Question and answer session		

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