



MAKINGS OF A PANDEMIC

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What is the connection between urbanization and biodiversity loss? How will this interaction affect us in the future? How many pandemics will we be exposed to?

Urbanization

The borders where humans and other animals come into contact are also risk-factors. **Habitat destruction, land use change and fragmentation lead to 22 per cent of emerging infectious diseases.**

Complex interactions playing out at varying scales and time are inherent to the food–animal–human–environment nexus. It is important to be aware of the wider socioeconomic processes in which the contextual issue of increasing pandemics sits.

Population growth

Urbanization

Habitat fragmentation

Biodiversity and Diseases: A complex Paradox

Biodiversity is a source of pathogens, but biodiversity loss may increase disease outbreaks.

There are two possible roles for biodiversity. One as a buffer of pathogen's spread through a **dilution effect**. Or on the contrary, biodiversity can increase the disease risk by an **amplification effect**. At a local scale, the increment of biodiversity may cause a reduction in zoonosis emergence. But at regional scales, the disease risk may extend with the enlargement of biodiversity.

Biodiversity loss could lead to an increment in disease outbreaks at scales where humans may encounter diseases.

Conclusion

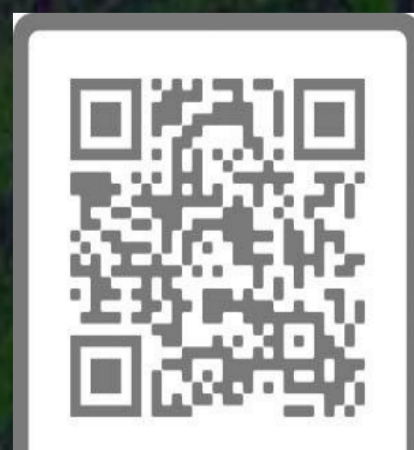
The consequences which people might be forced to manage are severe. According to recent research, hundreds of outbreaks are expected to happen in the near future.

Societal Impacts – experiences from the Covid-19 pandemic

Social movements and interactions decreased.
Global transport decreased by 50 –75 % which decreased the air pollution.
Changes in purchasing patterns produced shortages and triggered hoarding, reduced productivity and negative impact on economic growth, and reduced supply of labour.

What next?

Climate change will induce movement in wildlife and create new meetings of species.
-> New virus emergence and increasing of possible pandemics for human



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