Social Exclusion during the Pandemic of COVID-19

Abstract

The ongoing pandemic of COVID-19 is much more than a health crisis, it also attacks our society at its core. Explicit rejection or exclusion of others and certain social groups is frequently reported in the media and the concern over COVID-19 is often cited as the reason for such negative behaviours. Using samples from China and the United States, Dr Chen’s recent studies showed that social exclusion during the pandemic crisis is much more complicated. In addition, detrimental psychological impact of social exclusion on its target is found. Implications of the findings will be discussed in this forum.