

## Call for Papers

### COVID-19 Commentary

The *Journal of Transnational American Studies (JTAS)* invites you to submit a short (1,000 to 1250 words) commentary – a “think piece” – on the impact of the COVID-19 virus on your work as a scholar, implicitly or explicitly, of Transnational American Studies. Some topics to consider might include:

- \*How are changes in US policies on immigration, policy, travel, education, and trade in response to the pandemic reshaping transnational perspectives on the US and on American political power?
- \*How is US transnational “leadership” in this global moment of truth arising from the pandemic impacting your research/fieldwork as a teacher and scholar?
- \*How do representations of the Covid-19 crisis in the US compare with representations in your research territory (Europe, Austro-Asia, and/or Asia) and what do these differences suggest of changes in your research/field/nation and US twenty first–century relations?
- \*How are US planning and policies regarding the pandemic viewed in your research/field territory and shaping attitudes toward the US or toward future relationships and expectations?
- \*How have US pandemic social and political narratives illuminated fault lines in American society and culture for the scholars in your research field?
- \*How has the current pandemic crisis illuminated previously neglected areas of analysis and understanding in transnational American studies, e.g., the significance of the absence of women in US presidential politics?

The Editors of *JTAS* hope that you will contribute your thoughts, whatever shape they may take, and invite pieces that range from open-ended questions and comments to poems or even short stories. Contributions are due late August for publication in Winter 2020.

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