Special Collection on
‘Legal and Contractual Implications of COVID-19 on Construction projects’

Call for Papers

The COVID-19 pandemic has impacted Engineering and Construction projects throughout the world. AEC projects are facing unprecedented challenges in terms of coping with the new circumstances as well as understanding their legal and contractual impacts. In this context, the Journal of Legal Affairs and Dispute Resolution in Engineering and Construction is bringing out a special issue on ‘Legal and Contractual Implications of COVID-19 on Construction projects.’ This peer-reviewed special issue will feature a collection of articles for enhancing our understanding on how to better tackle such situations by identifying and addressing the plethora of administrative and legal challenges posed by the pandemic.

Suggested subject areas for papers of this special issue related to COVID-19 on construction projects include, but are not limited to:

1. Contractual rights to COVID-19 remedies, including acts of God, force majeure and changes in law clauses
2. Impact on construction labor owing to lockdowns and work disruption
3. Time and cost impact and effect of sudden closures and terminations
4. Implications on safety and quality of such impacted construction projects
5. Change in work processes owing to the pandemic
6. Material supply disruptions as a result of slowdown in shipping and travel
7. Innovative measures enacted to manage projects impacted by COVID-19
9. Case studies on creative ways to address COVID during the procurement process.
10. Lessons learned from COVID-19 and how to apply them to future pandemics or unforeseen, large-scale events affecting construction projects.

High-quality original papers written under the stated theme are invited. Papers that present arguments from a legal or contract administration perspective are desired. Forum articles on policy viewpoints and government policies are also encouraged.

Key Dates and Submission Guide

- Full manuscript submission deadline: 30 June 2021
- 1st round review results: 31 October 2021
- Expected publication as a special issue: 30 June 2022

- All manuscripts must be submitted at https://ascelibrary.org/journal/jladah
- All papers will go through the regular peer-review process.

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