Learning from International Experiences

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Very Different Experiences in East Asia and West

Are these Differences a Matter of:
Timing, Strategy, Or Data?
Differences are **Mainly a Matter of Strategy.** In most of East Asia, there has been:

- Intensive Testing and Contact Tracing
- Isolation of Infected Individuals
- Quarantining in Public Facilities
- Enforcement of Isolation
- Extensive Monitoring of Temperatures
- Wearing Face Masks
- Use of Hand Sanitizers
- Personal Physical Distancing
But There Are Warning Signs Too
Also Major Differences – So Far – Between Western and Eastern Europe
Much of this Differences May be a **Matter of Timing:**

Eastern Europe has far less tourism and travel per capita
Passenger Travel Through Major National Airports in 2019

- Germany: Highest passenger traffic
- Spain: Second highest passenger traffic
- France: Third highest passenger traffic
- Italy: Fourth highest passenger traffic
- Russia: Fifth highest passenger traffic
- Netherlands: Sixth highest passenger traffic
- Switzerland: Seventh highest passenger traffic
- Portugal: Eighth highest passenger traffic
- Greece: Ninth highest passenger traffic
- Poland: Tenth highest passenger traffic
- Belgium: Eleventh highest passenger traffic
- Austria: Twelfth highest passenger traffic
- Ukraine: Thirteenth highest passenger traffic
- Czechia: Fourteenth highest passenger traffic
- Hungary: Fifteenth highest passenger traffic
- Romania: Sixteenth highest passenger traffic
- Malta: Seventeenth highest passenger traffic
- Bulgaria: Eighteenth highest passenger traffic
- Serbia: Nineteenth highest passenger traffic
- Belarus: Lowest passenger traffic
Containment:
How to Keep the Cases Low
1. Government must aggressively **track infections** in the population

2. All suspected cases must be **isolated at home or quarantined**

3. Close contacts must be **traced**

4. **Congregant Settings** (Shelters, Worker Lodges, Retirement Homes, Prisons) must be protected and monitored carefully

5. **Temperatures** must be monitored in public places

6. **Face masks** must be used

7. **Physical distancing** even after the economy is reopened
Topics for Today’s Workshop

• Containment Strategies in Different Regions

• Steps to Re-open the Economy Safely

• Addressing Massive Inequities

• Economic Fallout in the Short-term and Medium-Term