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SOME USEFUL SOURCES

Some Useful Resources

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This section highlights and provides details of a range of key sources and databases that were either central to or provide further material on the issues explored in the papers in this special themed section. Building on the analysis of the UK and South Korea's policy responses to the COVID-19 pandemic and its integration with the key concepts of critical human security and state capacity the section is organised around the following themes: Critical human security, vulnerability and the pandemic; State capacity and social infrastructure; Risk governance and systemic risk; Digitalization, public services, and the pandemic; Cities and local social policy; and finally, Data Sources. These additional resources provide some general sources but are otherwise tailored to the social and public policy contexts of the UK and South Korea.

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OECD Going Digital Toolkit, https://goingdigital.oecd.org/

Public Data Portal, http://data.go.kr

Seoul Open Data Square, http://data.seoul.go.kr

SNUAC Asia Regional Information Center. ARIC and COVID-19, https://aric.snu.ac.kr/research-projects/covid-19-data

UN E-Government Knowledgebase, https://publicadministration.un.org/egovkb/en-us/

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