Working from home for a day or two is a privilege that ATREE researchers always enjoyed. Did this prepare me for a month—or more—long work from home during the pandemic? Did the food security of a panic-stocked middle-class home help me work as usual? No. Because panic has become our stock. The stoic are exceptional stock, and the panicky—‘anxy’—are a common class under corona’s rule. And an irritable gut and anxiety are human kind’s most vicious of cycles. I am not solely guilty of extrapolating my anxious personality. Academics and athletes, royals and riffians, politicians and prisoners, everyone’s edgy. Relax, breathe in and out. Watch for breathlessness. Pulmonary exercises of the privileged, these. As is tweeting about how our working-class brethren are walking breathless miles to their villages, some even dying. With this privilege check, here’s a sociologist’s work from home (WFH) checklist. Zooming into committee meetings, check. Reviewing student chapters and papers, check. Book review, check. Uninstall zoom because it is malware, check. Writing your book, check. The dull rigours of academia. Prosaic digital privileges. The sociologist is alike and unlike. Alike in sharing locations—academic, middle class, data sufficient, left-liberal. Unlike in having to reflect on his craft as contingent knowledge, and himself as a ‘risk’ subject doubting experts. Being alike finds me diligently performing my academic tasks, anxiously scrolling social media feeds and websites, expectantly posting online, wantonly reading and watching written and streamed content. As we await science to deliver on the outside—treatment and vaccine—inside our homes, art—literature, music and cinema—cure us. Paraphrasing Nietzsche, we have art in order not to die of science. I hope our virus vulnerability and social isolation makes us active and empathetic communicators of our interdisciplinary science. I am also unlike. My subject requires a constant calling itself into question. Mostly liberal, sociology was a conservative response to modern events that threatened tradition—the industrial revolution and enlightenment. Conservatism, ascendant in the last decade, is intensifying under corona. In calls to punish and isolate China. To de-globalize. In revived prejudices against Southeast Asian races. The virus has become an extra excuse for environmentalisms that seek exclusion of ‘outsiders’ competing for a country’s scarce resources. Even as sociology responds to renewed conservativism, I need to rejig my environmental, sociological research and teaching anticipating a post-pandemic reorganization of social order, or a frustrating relapse to business as usual. How I go about my field and archival work, or my daily employee routines involves a calculation of risk given COVID-19 may never leave like its Corona ancestor—the common cold. ‘Risk’, a sociological concept referring to uncertainties arising from nature or human interventions in nature, will experience big revival. By its tenets, I as a citizen will need to navigate and mitigate risks, not leaving everything to the experts and policymakers. As a sociologist, I have ‘risk’ to incorporate into my human well-being and environmental justice research and teaching.