

Three Day International Virtual Conference
on

**BEYOND THE POSTMODERN:
UNRAVELLING CULTURE AND IDENTITY**

18th to 20th December 2023



Organized by:

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ABOUT THE CONFERENCE:

Postmodernism has dominated the cultural sphere since the 1960s, and it has become an embedded umbrella term that pervades the theoretical framework of contemporary critical analysis. Alan Kirby in an influential essay, 'Death of Postmodernism and Beyond' (2006) has proclaimed the shift from postmodernism to 'Digimodernism', commensurate with the digital revolution that characterises 21st century life and culture. The critical theories [viz. post-postmodernism (Turner), meta-modernism (Vermeulen and van den Akker), trans-postmodernism (Epstein)] that have proliferated in the last two decades, to characterize an era in the 'aftermath' of postmodernism; categorically or tangentially (albeit, ironically!), fall under the rubric of the postmodern. Even the critics who ostensibly distance themselves from the tenets of postmodernism, take it as a point of departure. The gargantuan shadow of postmodernism undeniably encroaches upon all forms of cultural phenomena still. It is therefore, imperative to interrogate the predominance as well as the waning effects and traces of the seemingly ubiquitous interpretive lens of postmodernism. Is cultural criticism still entangled in the deeply rooted matrix of postmodern critical methodology? How has the locus of identity metamorphosed in tandem with the sociocultural transformations? This international conference would attempt to deliberate the (dis)/continuities of the postmodern turn to determine the locus of contemporary cultural mores vis-à-vis the theoretical modes of criticism. We are thus encouraging you to 'unravel' (in the true sense of the term) the behemoth of postmodernism, so as to (or not to!) reach towards a critical consensus.

CONFERENCE SUB THEMES:

Posthumanism, Post-theory, Post-feminism, Postcolonialism, Poststructuralism, Digital Humanities, Trauma Studies, Cultural Memory Studies, Media Studies, Medical Humanities, Popular Culture, Critical Theory, Film Studies, Cultural Studies, Ecocriticism, Translation Studies, Queer Studies, Contemporary Politics

The call for papers is however, not confined to the central theme of the conference but can be approached tangentially as well.

PARTICIPANTS:

Academicians, Researchers, Faculty Members, Research Scholars, Policy Makers, and PG Students.

ABOUT NIT AGARTALA:

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ABOUT THE DEPARTMENT OF MANAGEMENT, HUMANITIES & SOCIAL SCIENCES:

The Department has upgraded into the Department of Management, Humanities & Social Sciences with effect from the academic session 2019-2020. The Department of Management, Humanities & Social Sciences was established with the objective of making an engineer enlightened with adequate knowledge of his/her surroundings. The approach of the Department is interdisciplinary. The Department offers undergraduate courses to B.Tech students in Economics, Costing, Management Principles, Management, Business Communication, and Communicative Skill Development and full-time graduate program in Management. Besides that, it encourages the students to actively take up research in various fields of Humanities, Social Sciences and Management. The Ph.D. program of the Department in Economics, Literature, and Management has been introduced to serve that very purpose. Along with these diverse academic departments, the Department is home to a wide variety of interdisciplinary collaborations, path-breaking research projects, and unique areas of study. The ultimate objective of any education system is to produce human capital who will be responsible citizens, besides excelling in his/her own domain. To produce a complete technocrat, only technical knowledge seldom serves the purpose. He/She has to be socially aware with a compassionate human faculty.

GUIDELINES FOR PAPER SUBMISSION:

Abstracts of 150-250 words with 5-6 keywords on any of the above themes or any other related topics in original in English are invited for the conference. The full length of the paper should not be less than 3000 words. The first page of the abstract/paper should contain the title of the paper, Name of the Author(s), Affiliation, Address with email id, and mobile number. All the papers would be reviewed by the technical committee members of the conference before its final acceptance and it will undergo a plagiarism check in order to maintain the academic ethics. The abstract and the full paper for the conference can be submitted to the conference email ID:

conference2023.mhssnita@gmail.com

PUBLICATION:

Selected papers would be published as book chapters in an edited volume by a reputed publisher. The acceptance of the papers to be published would be intimated individually by email, after the conference. The details of the publication (name of the publisher, publication fee, tentative schedule, etc.) will be informed afterwards.

IMPORTANT DATES:



Last date of submission of Abstract: 10th October 2023

Intimation of Acceptance: 20th October. 2023

Submission of Full Paper with payment: 30th November 2023

Date of conference: 18-20th December 2023

REGISTRATION FEE:

Faculty: INR 2000.00

Research Scholars/ PG Students: INR 1000.00

Participants: INR: 200.00

Foreign Academicians/Scholars: \$40.00

The registration fee should be sent to the following account:

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The selection of abstract does not ensure the selection of paper for publication. The selected paper and the processing fee of the publication would be intimated individually in their respective e-mail ids.

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