

Two-Day

International Conference on

21st Century Approaches to Interdisciplinary Dialogues in Literary Studies

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About the Department of English

The Department of English at Amrita School of Engineering is committed to fostering academic excellence, critical thinking, and interdisciplinary engagement among students. Our faculty members are all PhD holders, actively engaged in research, and have published extensively in high-impact, peer-reviewed national and international journals. The department also has a strong research culture supported by funded projects, including grants from prestigious agencies such as the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR).

We offer a range of foundational and advanced courses such as Technical Communication, Business Communication, and a diverse set of Literature and Humanities electives designed to cultivate analytical, communicative, and creative abilities in students across disciplines.

The Department also offers a robust PhD programme, providing research opportunities in a wide spectrum of areas including Gender Studies, English Language Teaching (ELT), Ecocriticism, Postcolonial Studies, Translation Studies, Marginal Literatures, Cultural Studies, and other emerging fields within the humanities. Our doctoral scholars contribute to vibrant interdisciplinary research through publications, conferences, and collaborative initiatives.

Guided by the vision of Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, the Department of English continues to strengthen its commitment to meaningful scholarship, holistic education, and socially relevant research.

About the Conference

“The disciplines are where we begin, but not where we end.”

- Allen F. Repko

Literature serves as a crucial space to rethink narratives, imagine alternative futures, and interrogate historical and contemporary realities. The rapidly evolving and emerging trends in recent times in literature seek diversified critical thinking and adaptability. Thus, a pluralistic approach that includes dialogues from various disciplines becomes necessary. With this concept note as the exposition, the Department of English, Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, Bengaluru, is hosting a conference on “21st Century Approaches to Interdisciplinary Dialogues in Literary Studies” on 27th and 28th March 2026 at Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, Bengaluru Campus.

The conference offers a forum to explore various directions and intersections of critical thinking and adaptability of human knowledge through interdisciplinary dialogues. The vastness of literary studies is explored through intersections from other disciplines like sociology, psychology, artificial intelligence, Indian knowledge systems, medical humanities, digital humanities, media studies, film studies, political science, journalism, law and legal studies and environmental studies. The convergence of literary studies and other disciplines will evolve into diversified approaches that cast a bigger spectrum in interpretations and comprehension.

Objectives of the conference

Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, Bengaluru, is delighted to call for papers for the conference that will build a network of researchers, practitioners, and scholars to support explorations that depart from a singular approach to multi-disciplinary approaches and expand the frontiers of literary studies. We invite well-researched articles to explore how literary studies transcend traditional literary boundaries to collaborate with other disciplines that examine contexts and methodologies across branches of study.

Conference Themes

The conference themes for intersection includes but are not limited to

1. Cultural Studies
2. Gender Studies
3. Memory Studies
4. Diasporic and Migration Studies
5. AI Intervention in Literary Studies and Language Teaching
6. Folk and Oral Narratives
7. Posthumanism
8. Emerging Trends in Translation Studies
9. Emerging Trends in Literary Criticism
10. Health and Medical Humanities
11. Indian Knowledge System
12. Environmental Humanities
13. Culinary Narratives
14. Film and Media Studies
15. Marginal Studies

Participants

Teaching Faculty

Researchers and PhD Scholars

Postgraduate Students of various fields of Humanities

Practitioners & Independent Scholars

Guidelines for Paper Submission

The selection of papers for presentation will be confirmed after approval from the review committee. The paper must be an original research work. The paper must include abstract, purpose, major results, implications, key references, and keywords. The author(s) should clearly mention under which area the paper may be included. They should adhere to the following:

Title Page: Title, Author(s), Affiliation(s), Contact Details

Contributions should be between 5000 and 6000 words including Abstract, Notes, References and Author's Note.

Abstract and Keywords

The abstract should not exceed 200 words and should include up to 6 keywords.

Publication

1. After a thorough review, selected papers will be published in Scopus-indexed conference proceedings by Bloomsbury.
2. Edited Volume by Peter Lang will be sent for Scopus indexing by the publisher

*APC will be communicated to the authors of the selected papers.

*In the case of multiple authors, the fees will be charged separately for publication.

Important dates

Abstract Submission – 25th Feb 2026

Notification of Acceptance/Rejection - 3rd March 2026

Full paper submission- 25th March 2026

Registration Fee

Presenters

Teaching faculty	Rs. 3000
Researchers and PhD Scholars	Rs.2000
Postgraduate Students of various fields of humanities	Rs.1500
International presenters	75 USD
Participants	Rs.1000

** Plus 18% GST

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Keynote Speakers

1. **Dr. Mugdha Yeolekar**, Associate Professor of Religious Studies at California State University
2. **Prof. Pramod Nayar**, Professor & UNESCO Chair in Vulnerability Studies, Department of English, University of Hyderabad.
3. **Dr. Sathyaraj Venkatesan**, Professor, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, National Institute of Technology, Tiruchirappalli.

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