

St. Xaviers College (Autonomous), Mumbai



Department of Inter- Religious Studies

HOSTS A

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

On

'Being Interconnected'

DATE : 21ST & 22ND FEB 2023

TIME : 9 AM TO 5 PM


VENUE : ST. XAVIER'S COLLEGE, MUMBAI


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ST. XAVIER'S COLLEGE

St. Xavier's College, Mumbai, was started by the Jesuits in 1869. Over more than a decade as an autonomous institution, we have experimented with, and evolved pedagogical strategies that match our vision and values. Our three core values are: Professional Innovation, Personal Integration and Social Inclusion. By means of personal accompaniment and various curricular, co-curricular and extra-curricular activities, we hope to meet these value outcomes, and thereby provide a holistic educational formation. The college has several extra-curricular units which provide a wide spectrum of opportunities for students to develop their personal talents and value efforts at social inclusion and outreach. The DIRS is one such unit.

WHAT IS DIRS?

The Department of Inter-Religious Studies (DIRS) of St. Xavier's College, Mumbai, aims to cultivate wholesome relations between the practitioners of different religious and cultural traditions. The Indian subcontinent in particular—and our human family in general—has been blessed with a wide variety of cultures and religions. The DIRS works towards making this diverse social reality positive and productive, in terms of communal harmony and national and global wellbeing.

CONCEPT NOTE

As we all acclimatize to the 'transformed' normal, we are beginning to see structural schisms that have challenged how we looked at systems and their functions and dysfunctions and perhaps how we took our specialized zones of comfort and functioning for granted. In this climate of readjusting to new ways of being and doing, the DIRS has chosen the theme of 'Being Interconnected' as a social reminder that we are governed by a web of life that is thriving with ideas of fluid connections, unity, community and diverse epistemologies that converge to help us survive and sustain life. This spirit may be captured by the Zulu phrase 'Ubuntu', that roughly translates as 'I am because you are', or closer home, Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam from the Upanishads, which translates as 'the world is a family'.

'Being Interconnected' is a welcome note in a world that is racing to de-globalise and shut its borders with scenarios such as amassing all for oneself, a space race accessible to the one-percenters, unhousing people and civilizations from their homes, empires of entrepreneurs, and ecological precariousness. The outsider/insider binaries have further widened the fissures that are threatening to rip apart societies in the name of religion, gender, race, caste and creed.

CONCEPT NOTE

'Being Interconnected' has global, local and glocal possibilities, fosters processes of participation, collaboration, outreach and advocacy, and is aimed at integral transformation which is pluralistic and inclusive.

This multidisciplinary conference celebrates the interaction and collaboration between the sciences and humanities, so that the best of our knowledge systems may create more inclusive, understanding, empathetic, and safe spaces for growth.

PROPOSED SUB-THEMES:

Inviting papers related to (but not limited to) the following sub-themes

- Cultural, political and economic fissures
- Natural versus anthropomorphic environments
- Geopolitical transformations
- Global political conservatism
- Revisiting economic ideologies
- Multilateral trade and economic liberalization
- Social contributions of science and technology
- Impact of technological disruptions
- Media as social influencer
- Peace and justice initiatives
- Art as medium for transformation

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION DETAILS

Deadline : 25th January, 2023

Word Limit : 500 – 600 words

Format:

- Times New Roman, 12 point (Title: 14 point)
- 1.5 Line spacing
- Justified alignment

Submission Link :

<https://forms.gle/JR6UzJqZTrWDhEfo8>

(Note: Those whose Abstracts have been accepted for paper presentation will be intimated via email)

REGISTRATION FEES:

Registration fees : (in Rupees – INR)

₹ 1500 for Faculty

₹ 1000 for Ph.D. students

₹ 800 for attendees

PAYMENT DETAILS:

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