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Hybrid

International Workshop

ONTOLOGY OF PEACE: REFLECTIONS ON PLURIVERSALITY

23rd and 24th June 2023

Pluriversality denotes the existence of several or plural ways of 'knowing' and 'being'. Ontologically, pluriversality underplays the authority of a particular knowledge system that may appear to claim universal validity. In other words, pluriversality allows scope for 'multiple ontologies or multiple worlds to be discovered or known'. And, not multiple perspectives on one world. This conceptualisation of pluriversality offers critical insights into peace-building. Some scholars have started to talk about a 'local turn' in the field of peace-building that spotlights the indispensability of local resources and agency for peace initiatives.

The proposed workshop, conceptualised as a multi-faceted gathering, is intended to initiate dialogues along these lines. The vision of the planned workshop is to turn the focus of various disciplines to draw implications for a pluriversal ontology of peace by moving beyond the confines of Eurocentrism. The associated aim is to reduce cultural bias in research and practice in peace psychology by including voices from regions and cultures that are typically not included in discourses on peace.

PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

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DAY 1 Venue: T1 - F14 (Big-Bang Conference Room) FRIDAY 23rd June (HYBRID)

11:00 AM - 11:15 AM

INTRODUCTION TO WORKSHOP

DR. NEHA KHETRAPAL

Associate Professor, Assistant Dean (Research, Innovation and Outreach)
Jindal Institute of Behavioural Sciences (JIBS), O. P. Jindal Global University

11:15 AM - 11:45 AM

TOPIC: Designing human-centered solutions to conflict resolution and peacebuilding

SESSION - 1

MR. MANDAR APTE

Director, Cities4Peace, Mumbai

11:45 AM - 12:00 Noon

TOPIC: Student presentation 1: The Guru Tegh Bahadur Memorial: A multidimensional analysis of aesthetics, politics, and history

SESSION - 2

MS. SANKRITI SINHA AND MS. TAVLEEN SINGH

PG Students, Jindal Institute of Behavioural Sciences, O. P. Jindal Global University

12:05 PM - 12:35 PM

TOPIC: Social Movement & Culture: An overview of Student movement in Assam

SESSION - 3

DR. RASHBHA DOCHANIA

Assistant Professor & Assistant Director (CLC), Jindal Institute of Behavioural Sciences (JIBS), O. P. Jindal Global University

12:35 PM - 1:15 PM

BREAK

1:15 PM - 1:45 PM

TOPIC: Why despite all our efforts peace continues to be elusive: An ontological approach to the question

SESSION - 4

DR. NAVRAS JAAT AFREEDI

Assistant Professor, Presidency University, India & a Research Fellow, Institute for the Study of Global Antisemitism and Policy, New York & Fellow, Salzburg Global Seminar's Holocaust Education & Genocide Prevention Program and its Asia Peace Innovators Forum

2:00 PM - 2:30 PM

TOPIC: Indian environmental movement, ahimsa and ecological peace

SESSION - 5

DR. RICKI LEVI

Assistant Professor, Jindal School of Environment & Sustainability, O.P. Jindal Global University

2:40 PM - 3:10 PM

TOPIC: Sentiment analysis: A new tool for peace ontology

SESSION - 6

DR. RAJ K. GUPTA

Senior Scientist Institute of High Performance Computing, A*STAR, Singapore

3:15 PM - 3:45 PM

TOPIC: Rhetoric of conflict and peace

SESSION - 7

DR. SUCHARITA BELAVADI

Assistant Professor & Assistant Dean (Research, Innovation and Outreach), Jindal Institute of Behavioural Sciences (JIBS), O. P. Jindal Global University

10:45 AM - 11:00 AM

WELCOME ADDRESS

DR. PULKIT KHANNA

Executive Dean, Jindal Institute of Behavioural Sciences (JIBS),
O. P. Jindal Global University

11:00 AM - 11:30 AM

TOPIC: Aesthetics of peace

SESSION - 1

DR. REKHA NAVNEET

Associate Prof. Department of Philosophy, Gargi College University of Delhi

11:30 AM - 12:30 PM

TOPIC: Back to the past to address contemporary peace imperatives:
Lessons from India's cold war diplomacy

SESSION - 2

DR. NABARUN ROY

Assistant Prof. Department of International Relations, South Asian University, Delhi

12:30 PM - 1:00 PM

TOPIC: Understanding peace and sociality: A philosophical approach

SESSION - 3

MR. ASTIK YADAV

Centre for Philosophy, Jawaharlal Nehru University, India

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

BREAK

2:00 PM - 2:30 PM

TOPIC: Individualism and the Ontology of peace

SESSION - 4

MR. ABHINAV KUMAR

Centre for Philosophy, Jawaharlal Nehru University, India

2:40 PM - 3:10 PM

TOPIC: Alternate routes to security: Peace deterrence in Indian diplomatic oeuvre

SESSION - 5

MR. CHIRAYU THAKKAR

Doctoral Candidate, National University of Singapore and King's College London & Visiting Faculty, Krea University

3:15 PM - 3:45 PM

TOPIC: Peace reimaged: Embracing sentience in peace studies

SESSION - 6

MR. ANDERS REAGAN

Founder, Peace and Conflict Science (PACS) Institute, Stockholm

3:45 PM - 4:15 PM

BREAK - Tea time conversation

4:15 PM - 4:45 PM

TOPIC: Why world peace is unachievable?

SESSION - 7

YELYZAVETA FILIPPOVA

University of Economics and Human Sciences (Warsaw, Poland) & UEHS Academic Center for Holocaust and Genocide Research

4:45 PM - 5:00 PM

CONCLUDING REMARKS

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