

Virtual International Conference
on
Future Human: Digital Frontiers in
Posthumanist Discourse

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Call for Papers

Concept Note

The 21st century has ushered in a profound transformation of human existence, wherein technology has become inseparable from our daily lives. This fusion of the human and the digital, explored through the lens of posthumanism, underscores the need to critically examine the ontological, epistemological, and ethical dimensions of our ever-evolving relationship with technology. The Digital Humanities, as a dynamic field, engages with this nexus, offering fertile ground for the interrogation of the nature of humanity in an increasingly digital world.

Posthumanism, as an intellectual trajectory, underscores the shifting boundaries between the human and the non-human, inviting us to reconceptualize our understanding of identity, embodiment, and cognition. Concurrently, the digital humanities domain has expanded the horizons of scholarly inquiry through digital tools and methodologies, redefining the scope of humanistic exploration. The amalgamation of these two domains engenders novel inquiries into the evolving contours of human existence, prompting profound reflections on the very essence of being.

This conference seeks to convene scholars, researchers, and practitioners from across the globe to engage in a multifaceted exploration of the convergence between Posthumanism and Digital Humanities. It will serve as a crucible for the rigorous examination of the transformative implications of posthumanist thought in the digital age, as well as the innovative methodologies and ethical considerations arising within the realm of Digital Humanities.

Conference Themes

- Algorithmic Culture and Posthuman Agency
- Anti/Trans/Meta/Post-Humanism
- Critical Posthumanism
- Digital cultural artefacts
- Digital Ecologies and Medical Humanities
- Digital Ecologies, Aesthetics and Art
- Digital Environmental Humanities
- Digital Environmental Humanities and Environmental Justice
- Digital Geographies and Spatialities
- Digital Humanities and Disability / Fandom / Performance Studies
- Digital Humanities and gender / memory / popular culture
- Digital Medical/Health Humanities
- Digital methods of language and linguistic analysis
- Digital Narratives and Identity
- Digital narratives and life writing
- Digital Preservation and Cultural Heritage
- Digital transformation of literary genres
- Ethics and the Digital Frontier
- Humanities and AI
- Pedagogies of Posthumanism
- Philosophical Posthumanism
- Posthuman (Bio)ethics, (Bio)politics and Rights
- Posthuman Citizenship and Digital Surveillance
- Posthumanist Philosophies in Digital Contexts
- The Anthropocene, Posthuman Ecology, Speciesism and Animal Ethics

Confirmed Speakers

- **Prof Jai Singh**, Associate Professor of English, EFLU Hyderabad
- **Dr Kalyani Vallath**, Founder & CEO, Vallaths TES, Bodhi Tree and E-ProF
- **Dr Divyajyoti Singh**, Professor of English, JC Bose University, Haryana
- **Prof Manu Mangattu**, Poet, Research Consultant & Publishing Expert

More to follow...

Guidelines for Authors – Procedure for Submission of Abstract and Full Paper

1. Scholarly, unpublished and well-researched articles leading to new dimensions in the aforementioned fields of research are invited from undergraduate & postgraduate students, research scholars, faculty members of the various departments as well as interested academicians.
2. An abstract of not less than 200 words should be submitted on or before 28 September 2023. Submissions made after the deadline will not be considered.
3. The abstract should be submitted as a single Microsoft Word Document, with Title of the Paper, followed by the name, designation and contact details of the author/authors. The word file should be sent to aifestevents@gmail.com as an email file attachment. After scrutiny, you will be informed about the acceptance or rejection of your abstract within 48 hours of submission.
4. The full paper should be between 1500 and 2500 words. Full papers may be submitted after the conference, incorporating the suggestions and recommendations made during the paper presentation. The last date for submitting full papers for publication shall be 20th October 2023.
5. MLA 8th or 9th Edition may be followed.
6. Each paper will be checked using Turnitin Anti-Plagiarism Software. Any paper that exceeds the permissible limit of 15 % similarity will be rejected.
7. In case of joint papers, each author has to register separately as separate certificates would be issued to respective individuals.

Publication

1. A few (maximum of 6) of the best papers at the conference will be submitted for consideration (for the next biannual issue) of *Journal of Posthuman Studies* (ISSN 2472-4513). The journal is indexed in Web of Science, SCOPUS and ERIH-Plus. Acceptance of papers is entirely the prerogative of the Journal and its Editorial Board, and hence, we can't guarantee acceptance or publication.
2. Selected papers from among the full papers submitted will be brought out as Chapters in a Paperback Book with Print ISBN and the same will be made available on online stores. Authors can purchase copies of the same at subsidized author price directly from Aifest.
3. All papers presented during the conference and approved for publication will be published by Aifest in the form of E- conference proceedings with ISBN in collaboration with our US Publishing Partner. All contributors will be provided a free electronic copy of the conference proceedings by 31st October (with US Electronic ISBN).

Fee Structure	
For Participation Alone	
Students	Rs 100
MPhil and PhD Scholars	Rs 150
Faculty Members and Others	Rs 250
For Paper Presentation and Conference Proceedings Publication (Paper Presenters should first submit their abstracts. Once they get confirmation of abstract acceptance, they may proceed to pay the paper presentation and publication fee as provided below.)	
Students	Rs 200
MPhil and PhD Scholars	Rs 400
Faculty Members and Others	Rs 600

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E-certificates will be issued to all registered participants upon successful completion of the conference.

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Important Dates

- ❖ Deadline for Registration: 30 September 2023
- ❖ Deadline for Abstract Submission: 28 September 2023
- ❖ Dates of the Conference: 1 - 2 October 2023
- ❖ Deadline for Full Paper Submission: 20 October 2023
- ❖ Conference Proceedings Publication: 31 October 2023

Conference Coordinators

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