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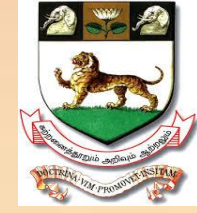
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Two Days International Conference
On
Commemorating the 75th Year of the
Universal Declaration of Human Rights
10th & 11th December, 2024



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ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

The Department of Indian History, located in the iconic Clock Tower building of the University of Madras, was established in 1914. Since its inception, eminent historians such as Prof. Dr. S.K. Aiyangar, Prof. K.A. Nilakanta Sastri, Prof. Dr. K.K. Pillai, and others have graced the department, producing pioneering works that explored the many dimensions of South India's past.

Building on this rich legacy, the Department marked its centenary celebrations with a two-day national seminar in 2016, focusing on "Socio-Cultural Transformation in South India during the 20th Century" as its central theme. This was followed by 75th Anniversary of the Quit India Movement in 2018 and Series of 25 lectures commemorating Platinum Jubilee Celebrations of India's Independence from 2021 – 2022. In continuation of this tradition, the Department of Indian History has now decided to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the **Universal Declaration of Human Rights**.

This historic document, a beacon of hope for humanity following World War II, now faces a major crisis: seventy-five years later, the objectives and ideals it set for humanity remain unfulfilled. Across the globe, repression is on the rise, with authoritarian governments harnessing new digital technologies to stifle dissent domestically and spread misinformation internationally. Violent conflicts—both within and between states—continue unabated, accompanied by widespread violations of international humanitarian law and impunity for perpetrators of war crimes. Meanwhile, international institutions struggle to safeguard long-established rights and apply the principles of human dignity to emerging global challenges.

The declaration laid the groundwork for no fewer than nine core UN human rights treaties—from the 1966 International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights to the 1989 Convention on the Rights of the Child—as well as numerous multilateral and regional legal instruments, courts, and bodies. These subsidiary declarations guide policy statements in both democratic and authoritarian states.

Though the UN Human Rights Council (UNHRC), established in 2006 to replace the Commission on Human Rights, is the main intergovernmental body tasked with defending, strengthening, and reviewing human rights globally, it is a flawed institution. Despotism is routinely elected to it, undermining its mission. In light of these challenges, it is time to rethink human rights, not only within the domestic sphere but also across borders.

While the concept of rights has expanded since December 10th 1948, cruelty and atrocities against the marginalized and the weak have also increased. However, this should not be a moment of despair but rather a signal that the marginalized are rising to resist oppression.

Against this backdrop, the international conference aims to explore the core challenges identified by the UNHRC for the future, including:

Conventional Themes

- Origins of Human Rights Theories & Magna Carta
- Human Rights Violations, Victimology, and Domestic Violence
- Women's Rights, Child Rights, and the POCSO Act
- Migration: Issues and Challenges
- Displaced Refugees, Dalit Rights, and Tribal Rights
- Bonded Labour and Prison Reforms

Emerging Risks

- The Environmental Emergency
- The Rapid Rise of Artificial Intelligence
- Other Transformative Technologies
- Climate Challenges
- Climate Change
- Biodiversity Collapse
- Pollution

Digital Threats

- The Role of Media and the Spread of Misinformation
- Mass Surveillance and Censorship
- Loss of Data Privacy and Widening Digital Divides

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General Guidelines:

Abstract: An abstract of the paper (maximum 250 words) must be submitted to the organizers on or before 30th November, 2024.

Full Paper: The full paper should not exceed 8 pages (3000 words), including endnotes.

Selection Process: The selection of papers for presentation rests solely with the editorial board, based on the abstract.

Formatting Requirements:

File Type: MS Word

Page Size: A4, with 1-inch margins on all sides

Font: Times New Roman

Headings: Size 14

Main Body: Size 12, with 1.5 line spacing

Endnotes: Size 10, with single line spacing

Page Numbers: All pages must be numbered sequentially and placed in the footer section.

Submission Deadline: All papers must conform to academic research standards and be submitted on or before 30th November 2024.

Submission Process:

Soft Copy: Send abstracts via email to ***indianhistoryunom@gmail.com***

Hard Copies: Mail one hard copy of the abstract and two hard copies of the final paper to: Prof. S. S. Sundaram, Conference Director, Professor & Head, Department of Indian History, University of Madras, Chennai – 600 005.

Publication: Selected papers will be published by the Publications Division, University of Madras, with an ISBN number. Papers must be original, follow APA guidelines, and meet academic standards as determined by the review panel.