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International Conference on Culture, Mind, and Society: A Multidisciplinary Dialogue in Humanities and Social Sciences

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Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences,
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In Collaboration with

Society for Addiction Psychology (SAP) Group



Highlights of the Conference

1. International Conference on Culture, Mind, and Society focusing on mental health, culture, and societal well-being.
2. Expert International and National Speakers from the prominent fields in Psychology and Economics.
3. Hybrid Mode with paper presentations both online and offline.
4. Publication Opportunities in Scopus indexed book in Taylor and Francis Group, an special issue of the Journal of Society for Addiction Psychology, and an Edited book with ISBN
5. Best Paper Awards for selected research papers.



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ABSTRACT**



Introduction

The International Conference on Culture, Mind, and Society: A Multidisciplinary Dialogue in Humanities and Social Sciences aims to provide an inclusive platform for global experts, researchers, scholars, and practitioners to engage in an interdisciplinary dialogue that addresses the intersections of culture, mental health, addiction, and societal well-being. The event will facilitate meaningful discussions on how cultural practices, mental health frameworks, and societal norms shape individual and community health, resilience, and behavior.

This conference is organized by the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences at Vishwakarma University in collaboration with the Society for Addiction Psychology (SAP). The Society's mission to reduce substance use disorders and raise awareness about mental health complements the conference's focus on mental health, addiction, and global well-being. Through this collaboration, the conference will provide a multidisciplinary approach to these pressing societal challenges, creating opportunities for innovative solutions.

ABOUT VISHWAKARMA UNIVERSITY (VU) PUNE

Vishwakarma University, Pune, established in 2017 as a State Private University, is an extension of the Vishwakarma Group of Institutions' 35+ years of excellence. UGC-approved and a member of AIU, VU designs its curriculum, conducts exams, and awards degrees independently. VU has gained global recognition, ranking in the Times Higher Education Global Impact Rankings 2024 and the Leadership and Management Team of the Year award in 2023. Additionally, it secured notable positions in the WURI (World University Rankings for Innovation) 2024, achieving 11th place in Social Responsibility, 45th in Entrepreneurial Spirit, and 147th in the overall global rankings. Awarded the "Emerging University" title by ASSOCHAM, VU aligns with the UN's SDGs, emphasizing academic excellence, holistic development, and practical learning through its unique model of knowing, practicing, performing, and reflecting, preparing students for fulfilling careers.

About the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, Vishwakarma University

The Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences at Vishwakarma University provides a dynamic and interdisciplinary approach to education and research. With a focus on integrating theory and practice, the faculty emphasizes the development of critical thinking, cultural awareness, and social responsibility. The faculty offers a wide range of undergraduate, postgraduate, and doctoral programs in fields such as psychology, economics, travel and tourism, music and education.

The faculty is dedicated to fostering an academic environment that nurtures creativity, intellectual exchange, and social relevance. By organizing this conference, the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences aims to bring together thought leaders, researchers, and students from across the globe to discuss and explore issues impacting contemporary society, culture, and mental well-being.

About the Society for Addiction Psychology (SAP)

The Society for Addiction Psychology (SAP) is a pioneering initiative aimed at addressing substance use disorders (SUDs) and mental health challenges in India. By providing a platform for practitioners, researchers, academicians, and policymakers, SAP plays a crucial role in raising awareness and promoting evidence-based practices in addiction psychology. The society's focus is on preventing, intervening, and treating psychoactive substance use as a public health issue.

Collaborating with SAP, an organization led by eminent experts such as Prof. LN Suman (NIMHANS, Bengaluru) and Dr. GS Kaloiya (NDDTC, AIIMS, Delhi), positions Vishwakarma University as a thought leader in addressing addiction psychology. The society also includes key editorial figures, Dr. Naveen Grover (IHBAS, Delhi), and Dr. Sandhya Isabella (Clinical Psychologist and Psychology Advisor, New Zealand), both of whom bring valuable expertise to the field.

About the School of Science at Indiana University Indianapolis

The School of Science at Indiana University Indianapolis (IU Indianapolis) offers over 40 programs across disciplines like Biology, Neuroscience, and Forensic Sciences, with more than 180 full-time faculty. With around \$20 million in annual research funding and 70% of faculty engaged in research, students gain hands-on experience in fields from drug discovery to cosmology. The school provides a direct Bachelor's to MD (B/MD) pathway and multiple admission routes, including direct entry and pre-science pathways. Located on Indiana's largest life sciences campus, it offers research, internship, and professional growth opportunities in a vibrant urban setting.

About the VU Wellness Center of Excellence

The Vishwakarma University Wellness Centre of Excellence (VUWCOE) was established in 2022 with the belief that an individual can achieve his/her potential by keeping their mental strength and well-being healthy. To achieve the same, VUWCOE is functioning with effective counselors/experts who will be able to acknowledge & accept the students' and employees' mental health issues and provide appropriate suggestions/guidance. It will help them achieve academic excellence and live productive and meaningful lives. The center will be able to display warmth, empathy, and unconditional positive regard toward the students and employees of the University. Besides guidance and counseling sessions, the center will promote mental well-being by organizing life skill training, expert lectures, workshops, research, and collaborations within and outside Vishwakarma University.

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International Conference on Culture, Mind, and Society: An Interdisciplinary Dialogue in Humanities and Social Sciences

1. Culture, Mind, and Society: Interdisciplinary Perspectives

- 1.1 Exploring cultural identity, selfhood, and representation in multicultural and multilingual contexts.
- 1.2 Narratives of Self and Society in Literature, Music, Arts, and Graphic Narratives.
- 1.3 The role of tourism in cultural exchange and strengthening global understanding.
- 1.4 The Cultural Impact of Media on Social Movements and Activism
- 1.5 Global Trends in Workplace Diversity and Inclusion Policies

2. Global Mental Health: Focus on Wellbeing, Addiction, and Resilience

- 2.1 Insights into behavioral, substance-based, and digital addictions.
- 2.2 Perspectives on Cyberspace, Media, Mental Health, and Resilience in the Digital Age
- 2.3 Digital Dependency, Cognitive Development, and the Role of Digital Detox in Mental Well-being
- 2.4 Integrating Indian knowledge systems, Expressive Art interventions, and Literary Narratives for mental well-being
- 2.5 The role of psychology in Mental Health, Trauma, Rehabilitation, and Societal Well-being
- 2.6 Fostering Happiness and Trust for Mental and Societal Resilience

3. AI, Ethics, Behaviour and Sustainability in a Globalized World

- 3.1 The Impact of AI on Human Behavior, Linguistics, Societal Structures, and Cultural Norms.
- 3.2 Ethical Dilemmas in Digital Transformation and AI-Driven Economies.

- 3.3 Circular Economy Models and Green Teaching Practices for a Sustainable Future
- 3.4 Aligning Cultural and Educational Practices with Environmental and Ethical Sustainability
- 3.5 Addressing Psychological Challenges for Sustainable Cities and Communities

4. The Interplay of Economics, Culture, and Society

- 4.1 Behavioral economics and the psychology of decision-making.
- 4.2 Indigenous economic models, global trade, and cultural sustainability.
- 4.3 Creative industries, music festivals, and their economic and societal impact.
- 4.4 The Gig Economy in Tourism and Navigating Community Challenges
- 4.5 The Global Media Economy and its Impact on Developing Countries.
- 4.6 Technological Convergence and its implications on Thinking capacities.

5. Dynamics of Relationships and Social Influences

- 5.1 Exploring attachment, identity, and emotional resilience in changing societal contexts.
- 5.2 Social and psychological dimensions of personal, professional, and digital relationships.
- 5.3 The role of cultural and societal factors in shaping human connections.
- 5.4 Intergenerational travel influences social bonding
- 5.5 Breaking Taboos: Exploring Stigmas in Intimate and Social Relationships
- 5.6 Technology and popular media as forces reinforcing stereotypes and influencing social interactions

Important Dates

Deadline of abstract submission	01st March 2025
Communication of acceptance	08th March 2025
Deadline for Full Paper submission	15th March 2025
Last date of Registration	17th March 2025

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Physical Mode	Students/Research Scholars	INR 300	INR 500
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