

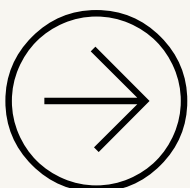
INSIGHTS

NEWSLETTER

SCHOOL OF LIBERAL ARTS, IIT JODHPUR

IIT Jodhpur stands as a bastion of academic brilliance, heralding innovation and fostering intellectual expertise. Renowned for its commitment to excellence, the institute's distinguished faculty and state-of-the-art facilities propel pioneering research across diverse disciplines. Its trajectory promises an even brighter future with cutting-edge research, transformative education, and a commitment to pushing the boundaries of human knowledge.

School of Liberal Arts at IIT Jodhpur pioneers an interdisciplinary approach, blending social sciences, humanities, and arts. With a mission to cultivate versatile minds, it nurtures critical thinking, creativity, and empathy shaping future leaders adept at navigating complexities while fostering innovation and societal enrichment.



"WHERE EQUATIONS DANCE WITH POETRY, AND LOGIC HARMONIZES WITH ART, AT THE SCHOOL OF LIBERAL ARTS MINDS UNFOLD IN KALEIDOSCOPIC BRILLIANCE."

-Aryamaan Mohapatra

WHAT'S INSIDE THIS EDITION OF INSIGHTS?



"Insights," the biannual newsletter of the School of Liberal Arts, IIT Jodhpur, provides a glimpse into the academic activities, social gatherings, accomplishments and community engagements of the School. The following pages will walk you through the scholarly triumphs of faculty and students, their research, artistic endeavors, and noteworthy accolades. Additionally, it warmly welcomes the new team members, fostering a sense of belonging within the institution. With an amalgamation of diverse perspectives and achievements, "Insights" serves as a beacon of inspiration, uniting the community in its pursuit of knowledge, creativity, and academic excellence.

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MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD

FARHAT NAZ

As we step in for the winter break and the festive season, I welcome you all to the third issue of SoLA's Newsletter. We have wonderful news and information for you to read about in this issue. To start with, I want to introduce the new editorial team for the newsletter, we have: Dr. Sumana Som, Dr. Sreedevi D, and student members- Aryamaan Mohapatra, Pragya Sachdeva , Sumit K Singh and Achyut N Sapkal.

I would also like to Thank, the outgoing Editorial Team: Dr. Tonisha Guin, Dr. Gurujegan Murugesan, Student members - Manya Khanna, Niharika Maiti, Aniket Sachan, Shubhi Verma, for their efforts in making the first two issues incredible. You are so appreciated!



Deeper in this issue, you will see, SoLA welcomed new faculty members and also launched Masters in Design. I am also delighted to share that my colleagues and students at SoLA have contributed enormously for keeping SoLA academic culture vibrant, by doing excellent work in their respective domains and bringing in laurels through publications, grants, awards, conference presentations and participation.

At SoLA, we welcomed the second batch of M.Sc. CSS and new PhD students in August and had an induction programme with them. We also had a wonderful Teachers' Day with Fun-filled activities, and also as part of the Board of Departmental Society activities, we had engaging students and faculty interaction through 'Chai Pe Charcha' and 'Antakshari'.

Team SoLA continues to strive hard for academic excellence in the IIT ecosystem. And we at SoLA, look forward to working with you all and learning more about your work over the next few years.

Thank you so very much!

Dr. FARHAT NAZ

Associate Professor of Sociology
Head, School of Liberal Arts



Seminar Series

Sarnath Banerjee



This year's seminar series started with Sarnath Banerjee's lecture discussion on "Comics and the Language of Exclusion" on 20th September 2023.

Prof. Venkatesh Rajamanickam




Prof. Venkatesh Rajamanickam delivered a lecture on "Data Narratives" on 10th October 2023.


Dr. Deepkumar Varma

Dr. Deepkumar Varma delivered an online lecture on 'Data Driven Decision Making in Ecommerce- Amazon', on 22nd November 2023.

The event dived deep into the world of data analytics within the e-commerce sector, focusing on Amazon's strategies and practices. The speaker addressed a variety of questions, ranging from the practical applications of data analytics to the potential impact on the future of e-commerce. The event concluded with a Q&A session, allowing attendees to interact with Dr. Varma.



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INDIA 2023


invites you to a lecture-discussion on

Data driven decision making in ecommerce - Amazon

DR. DEEPAKUMAR VARMA
(Principal Group Product Manager at Microsoft, Bangalore)

Join online using this link
<https://meet.google.com/awn-mbgn-zmd>

6.30 - 7.30 pm | 22 Nov 2023



Dr. Deepkumar Varma is a Principal Group Product Manager at Microsoft, Bangalore. He currently heads a group of product managers working on building the Apps ecosystem for Microsoft Teams. In his industry experience spanning over 15 years, he has predominantly worked on product management and product strategy in several organizations such as Amazon, Excelity Global, Altisource, and Wipro. Dr Varma has completed his PhD from IIT Bombay in Data driven decision making. He also has an MBA degree from IIM Ahmedabad and a B.Tech degree in Electronics and Communications Engineering from IIT Roorkee. His Areas of interest are Enterprise Technology, Artificial Intelligence, Technology operations, Product Strategy and management.

SoLA: Event Focus

ORIENTATION



On 27th July 2023, the School of Liberal Arts was filled with excitement as it warmly received its newest members. A special orientation program was organised, aimed at helping these fresh faces settle into their new academic journey. The day was buzzing with activity, offering these students a chance to meet and chat with the faculty members. It was an incredible opportunity for everyone to get to know each other better and lay the foundation for a supportive and engaging learning environment. The event was a wonderful way to kick-start their time at the School of Liberal Arts.

Teachers' Day Celebration



Every year Teachers' Day is celebrated at the School of Liberal Arts as a joyful occasion of togetherness. This year's celebration involved lively performances, special activities, and heartfelt gestures aimed at thanking the teachers for their dedication and guidance. Students prepared songs, dances, skits and made the event lively. It was a wonderful opportunity for everyone to show their love and appreciation, making the teachers feel cherished and valued for their hard work.

SoLA: Event Focus

Antakshari Extravaganza and Chai Pe Charcha: Student to Teacher Edition



The Board of Departmental Society (BDS) at the School of Liberal Arts orchestrated a memorable evening on 9th November 2023, with the dual celebration featuring Antakshari Extravaganza and Chai Pe Charcha events. The vibrant SoLA Courtyard transformed into a hub of musical harmony and engaging conversations.

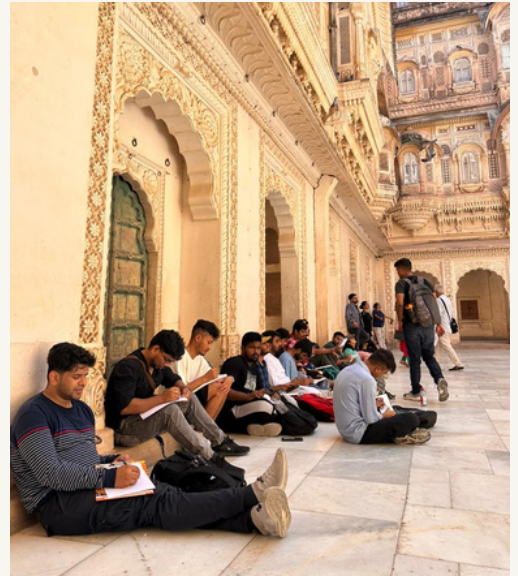
Hybrid Conference on “Climate Change: A Socio-Geological Perspective”



School of Liberal Arts organised DAAD sponsored International Conference on Climate Change : A Socio- Geological Perspective, 11-12 October, 2023 in collaboration with IIT Kanpur. Prof. Santanu Chaudhury, Director, IIT Jodhpur made the inaugural address and Dr. Farhat Naz (IIT Jodhpur), Dr Amar Agarwal, DAAD India Research Ambassador, (IIT Kanpur) made the opening remarks. Keynote speakers for the two day conference included Prof. Alexander Ferkete (Institute of Rescue Engineering and Civil Protection, Cologne University of Applied Sciences), Dr. Dhruv Sen Singh (University of Lucknow), Dr. Aditi Mukherji (Director, CGIAR's Global Climate Change Impact Platform), Dr. K. J. George (Associate Professor, SoLA), Dr. Brindha Karthikeyan (Freie University, Berlin, Germany). There were engaging sessions on Climate Change, Policy, Gender, and Geology. The conference concluded with a session on DAAD by Dr. Amar Agarwal and Dr. Farhat Naz.

SoLA: Event Focus

Art and History Study Outing with Prof. Deepak John Matthew to Mehrangarh Fort



PC: Prof. Deepak John Matthew

Prof. Deepak John Matthew and Dr. Sumana Som took the Masters in Design students from the School of Liberal Arts to Mehrangarh Fort, guiding them through a fascinating exploration of the Fort's engineering and design. His insightful teachings on art, history, and design principles, elucidated the innovative approaches of past engineers and designers.

Screening of *1956, Central Travancore* and *Santhoshathinte Onnam Rahasyam*



Film Club at the School of Liberal Arts arranged a screening of the two films "*1956, Central Travancore*" and "*Santhoshathinte Onnam Rahasyam*" followed by an interactive session with the filmmaker Mr. Don Palathara, moderated by Dr. Parichay Patra on 23rd and 24th November, 2023.

New Team Members



Ayla Joncheere
Associate Professor



Bhaswati Sarma
Professor of practice



Gaurav Vaidya
Assistant Professor



Kanak Yadav
Assistant professor



Nimish Vohra
Associate Professor



Pranjal Pratim Borah
Young Faculty Associate



Rajdeep Konar
Assistant Professor



Saurabh Maheswari
Assistant Professor



Sherin Sabu
Assistant Professor



Shimmila Bhoumik
Young Faculty Associate



Sumana Som
Assistant Professor



Sunil Lohar
Assistant Professor

FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

Alok Ranjan

Publication:

- **Ranjan, A.**, Thiagarajan, S. & Garg, S. Measurement of unmet healthcare needs to assess progress on universal health coverage - exploring a novel approach based on household surveys. BMC Health Serv Res 23, 525 (2023). <https://doi.org/10.1186/s12913-023-09542-0> (International Journal Paper).
- **Ranjan, A.**, Crasta, J.E. Progress towards universal health coverage in the context of mental disorders in India: evidence from national sample survey data. Int J Ment Health Syst 17, 27 (2023). <https://doi.org/10.1186/s13033-023-00595-6> (International Journal Paper).
- Sharma, Isha, Atul Pandey, Anindita Dey, **Alok Ranjan**. 2023. Health insurance and non-communicable diseases for elderly people in India. The 6th International Conference on Public Policy (ICPP6). Toronto Metropolitan University, Canada. <https://www.ippapublicpolicy.org/file/paper/6481244186758.pdf> (International Conference Paper).
- Sharma, Isha, Atul Pandey, Anindita Dey, **Alok Ranjan**. 2023. Health insurance and non-communicable diseases for elderly people in India. The 6th International Conference on Public Policy (ICPP6). Toronto Metropolitan University, Canada. <https://www.ippapublicpolicy.org/file/paper/6481244186758.pdf> (International Conference Paper)

Hari Narayanan V

Publication:

- Narayanan, V.H. "Epistemic Justice and Experiential Self" in *Mind and Society* Vol.22, 2023.<https://doi.org/10.1007/s11299-023-00297>.

Conference:

- Presented a paper on "Self, Metaphor and Well Being in the 27th Annual Conference of the Philosophy and Religion Society of Thailand at International Buddhist College, Mahachulalongkornrajavidyalaya University, 27-28 October 2023.

Gopakumar K U

Publication:

- Kurup, U., Poojari, A., and Gopakumar. K. U. "To Regulate or Strangulate? An ethics-based Framework for NBFC Regulation." *Economic and Political Weekly*, Vol 58, no 30, 2023, pp.13-17.

Anupama Mohan

Publication:

- Rev. of *The Story of Two Women Named Kalyani and Dakshayani* by R. Rajasree (Trans. by Devika J.) *The Book Review*. 2023. Vol. 47. Issue 9.

Recognition:

- Novel *Where Mayflies Live Forever* was longlisted to the Best Fiction Prize 2023 at Tata Lit Fest and Atta Galata Bangalore Lit Fest, and JCB Prize 2023.

Ankita Sharma

Publication:

- Saikia, P. and Sharma, A. Wise Negotiation: A New Approach to Negotiation. 23rd International Conference on Group Decision and Negotiation, Conference Proceeding, 2023.

Grant:

- Sharma, A., Kenderdine, S., Chaudhury, S., Chakraborti, C., Chaudhuri, M., Nagar, R., Natwaria, M., Das, D., Menon, N., & Benhamou, Y. Digital Twin: Negotiating Identity and Translocated Heritage in the Global Age. ICSSR under Joint Indo-Swiss CFP, July 2023.

Invited Talk:

- Plenary talk on at National seminar on 'Psychology and society today: Issues, challenges and intervention' organized by Dept. of Psychology, MG Kashi Vidyapith sponsored by Dept. Higher Education, Govt. of UP
- Invited talk in First Year Induction and Orientation Programme, MBM University, September 2023
- Expert session during Online FDP on Pedagogy and Technology-enabled Learning, IIT Jodhpur, 19-23 July 2023.

Bhaswati Sarma

Publication:

- "Exploring the Musical Tapestry: A Comparative Analysis of Borgeet and Dhrupad". *International Journal of Research and Analytical Reviews*, An International Peer-reviewed Journal, E- ISSN: 2348-1269, P- ISSN: 2349-5138.



FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

Farhat Naz

Conference Organised

- Organized the DAAD International conference on 'Climate Change a Socio-Geological Perspective' in collaboration with IIT Kanpur on 11-12 Oct 2023 at SoLA, IITJ.

Grants

- Awarded a Grant of USD 10,000 from the International Society for Third-Sector Research, Baltimore, US, 2023.
- Farhat Naz, Associate Professor and Head, SoLA, won the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) international workshop grant on Climate Change, in June 2023.

Conference Presentations/Invited Presentations

- Presented a paper titled — 'Traditional Water Wisdom and Water Management: A Viewpoint from Thar Desert, Rajasthan, India' at the XX ISA (International Sociological Association) World Congress of Sociology, held in Melbourne, Australia, 29 June 2023
- Presented a paper 'Water Wisdom for Development: Lessons from Thar Desert Communities' in the panel Governance, Development, and Informality: Social Practices and Everyday Knowledge in the Global South, at the 19th IUAES- WAU (International Union of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences and World Anthropological Union), World Anthropology Congress 2023 held at the University of Delhi, India, 17 Oct 2023.

Invited Talk

- Invited speaker at the 19th IUAES-WAU World Anthropology Congress Lecture Series - Dynamics of Water: Through the Lens of Governance, World Anthropology Congress Pre-event, New Delhi, 23 May 2023.
- Chaired the session 'Bringing nature in: Human-wildlife interactions' at XX ISA (International Sociological Association) World Congress of Sociology, held in Melbourne, Australia, 30 June 2023.
- Teaching Climate Change Course in an Engineering Institute' in the session on Teaching 'The Sociology of Climate Change' Across The Sociology Curriculum at the XX ISA (International Sociological Association) World Congress of Sociology, held in Melbourne, Australia, 29 June 2023.
- Chaired a panel session on CoA_S2 'Critique of Anthropology Panel for Young Anthropologists' at the 19th IUAES-WAU World Anthropology Congress 2023, Marginalities, Uncertainties, and World Anthropologies: Enlivening Past and Envisioning Future, held at University of Delhi, India, 17 Oct. 2023.
- Invited Speaker at the 'Public Sociology and Scholarly Communication', Pre-event of XX ISA (International Sociological Association) World Congress of Sociology, held in Melbourne, Australia, 25 June 2023.

Gaurav Vaidya

Publication:

- Vaidya, G., Kalita, P.C. "Developing an Ideation Method for Emotive Form Design of Products". In: Chakrabarti, A., Singh, V. (eds) *Design in the Era of Industry 4.0*, Volume 3. ICORD 2023. Smart Innovation, Systems and Technologies, vol 346. Springer, Singapore. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-981-99-0428-0_30.
- Vaidya, G., Kalita, P.C. "A Framework for the Design of Smart Wearable Devices Using Emotional Design Approach". In: Chakrabarti, A., Singh, V. (eds) *Design in the Era of Industry 4.0*, Volume 3. ICORD 2023. Smart Innovation, Systems and Technologies, vol 346. Springer, Singapore. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-981-99-0428-0_64.

Natasa Thoudam

Conference:

- Presented a paper titled "The Facebook Series 'Library of Manipur' by Monica Ingudam (under the Account Name of MonicaIngudam's Findingthevoices): A Contemporary Rendition of the Meitei Wari Leeba (Oral Storytelling) Tradition as E-lit"—in hybrid mode (online) at the Electronic Literature Organization 2023 International Conference and Media Arts Show titled "Overcoming Divides: Electronic Literature and Social Change" held in Coimbra, Portugal, 12 - 15 July, 2023.

Workshop and others:

- Organised a closed workshop at the University of Lille, Lille, France, to present the first draft of a chapter from the book project on comics for the IIT Jodhpur Institute Seed Grant project (online).
- Chaired a session: "What Is/Are the Digital Humanities?" / "Introductions to DH/Introduction to DHs"—first session of an international faculty development program titled "Introduction to Digital Humanities" organized by IIT Jodhpur, Jodhpur, India, and Scottish Church College, Kolkata, India, 19 August- 15 September 2023 (online)
- Organised the International DH Lecture/Seminar Series on Editing and Publishing from September 2023 to November 2023.

Kanak Yadav

Publication:

Published a critical biography on Indian English writer Arun Joshi for the website *Indian Writing in English Online*, University of Hyderabad, 30 October 2023. https://indianwritinginenglish.uohyd.ac.in/arunjoshi_kanakyadav.

FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

Suman Dhaka

Publication:

- Mishra, B., Pradhan, J., and Dhaka, S. "Identifying the Impact of Social Isolation and Loneliness on Psychological Well-being among the Elderly in old-age Homes of India: the Mediating Role of Gender, Marital Status, and Education. *BMC geriatrics*, 2023, 23(1), 684. <https://link.springer.com/article/10.1186/s12877-023-04384-1>.
- Mishra, B. and Dhaka, S. "Effect of Loneliness on Mental Health and Cognition: A Study on Middle-Aged and Older Adults", *International Social Science Journal*, 2023 <https://doi.org/10.1111/issj.12454>.

Grant:

- Awarded International Mobility grant, 2023 from IIT Jodhpur to work on project Multi-Model Exploration of Neuroplastic and Oscillatory Alteration related to Emotion Regulation a joint collaborative project at University of Pennsylvania.

Conference:

- Presented a paper on "Differential Effect of Sleep and Sleep Deprivation on the Behavioral and Neural Pattern of Risky Decision Making" in 11th IBRO World Congress of Neuroscience at Granada, Spain between 9-13 September 2023.

Prasenjeet Tribhuvan

Publication:

- Tribhuvan, P. "Making of a transgressive object: The case of Cannabis in the Himalayas", in *Reconceptualizing Material culture in the Tricontinent: When Objects Write Back*, ed. Koshy, M. and George, R., Cambridge Scholars Publishers (London), 2023, pp 165-182.

Conference:

- Presented paper titled "Community Policing in India and future of Artificial Intelligence" with Prof. Ankita Sharma and Jyoti Sharma, PhD scholar, SoLAWAPOR (World Association of Public opinion research) conference, Salzburg, Austria Sep 19-23, 2023.

Recognition:

- Science Technology and Innovation Hub, IIT Jodhpur, Karwar, Block, Jodhpur, District, Rajasthan, (Co-PI).

Invited Talk:

- MBM College of Engineering, Jodhpur plenary talk during induction on "How engineers can become social scientist for a better future".

Sunil Lohar

Conference:

- Presented a paper, "Raghurajpur; A Living Museum of Art, Culture, and Beliefs", at an International Conference on Museum Spaces as People's Histories and Community Voices, Organised by the Centre for Museology and Conservation & Department of History and Indian Culture, University of Rajasthan, Jaipur, 2023.

Parichay Patra

Publication:

- Published a co-edited volume *Frontiers of South Asian Culture: Nation, Trans-Nation and Beyond*, Routledge 2023.

Recognition:

- Shortlisted for the British Association of Film, Television, and Screen Studies (BAFTSS) 2023 publication award in the best-edited collection category for the co-edited book *Sine ni Lav Diaz: A Long Take on the Filipino Auteur*, Intellect, 2021.

Invited Talk:

- Spoke on "Mrinal Sen and Marginal Political Cinema in the Global South" on at the 'The Guerrilla Fighter: Mrinal Sen and the Legacies of Radical Cinema' conference, University of Chicago, USA, November 18, 2023.
- Talk on "Mani Kaul's Mati Manas" delivered at the South Asian cinema program, Sinema Transtopia, Berlin, June 15, 2023.

Pranjal Borah

Publication:

Borah, Pranjal P., and Sorathia, Babulal K. "Investigating user Performance and Preference for two Magnitude levels of Size and Angle of Bend on a Smartphone-sized Flexible Device". *Behaviour & Information Technology*, 2023. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1080/0144929X.2023.2245062>.

Rachel Philip

Conference:

- Philip, R. 'The science in the search': The construction of India's National Science Talent Search Programme (1963-1976)' at the 'Two Centuries of Education Policies in India: 1823- 2023' Conference, organized by Zakir Hussein Center for Educational Studies (ZHCEs), JNU and Institute of Educational Studies, Humboldt University, July 31- August 1, 2023.
- Philip, R. 'Play, Pleasure and Parental Aspirations in an English Pre-school Book Club in Russia' at the 11th European Conference on Education organized by IAFOR, the University College of London, and SOAS, July 17, 2023.

Invited Talk:

- 'Technology and Vocation in the Information Age: A Sociological Perspective, Department of Computer Science and Humanities Webinar, IIIT Kottayam, 2 June 2023.

FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

Rajdeep Konar

Publication:

- Chapter titled "Time-Bound Yet Time-Less: Performing Crip Time at Blind Opera and Anyadesh" has been published in anthology titled *Out of Time: Temporality in Disabled Performance* edited by Benjamin Wihstutz, Noa Winter and Elena Backhausen, (Taylor & Francis) in July 2023.
- South Asia Edition of monograph "To Stage Or Not To Stage: Performing Tagore's Plays" was published by Social Science Press (Orient Blackswan) in August, 2023.
- Essay titled "Ashray and Shushrusha: Performing Embodied Care through Blind Theatre in India" was published in International journal Performance Research (Taylor & Francis) special issue "On Care " in September, 2023.

Invited Talk:

- Attended, invited panel discussion on his monograph "To Stage Or Not To Stage: Performing Tagore's Plays" at Sanskrit College and University, Kolkata and Department of Painting, Kala Bhavana, Visva-Bharati, Santiniketan.

Tonisha Guin

International Conference :

- Presented the paper titled, "Decolonising Gender through Feline Femininity – Reading 'Shashti, the Benefactress' as a Colonial Queer-Feminist Critique" at the International Conference, The Cat's Pyjamas: Cats in Culture and Society, at the University of London, 25-26 May, 2023.
- Chaired the session titled "Transformative Justice: Perspectives of Visibility and Resilience" in the international conference on "Race and Environmental Justice in the Era of COVID-19: Rethinking 'Social Distancing'" conducted as a part of project, Air and Environmental Health in the (Post-)Covid-19 World.
- Presented the paper "Epistemic Reconstitution and Border Dwelling in Jamlo Walks: An Illustrated Book about Life During Lockdown" conducted by the University of Vienna, Austria, July 13-14, 2023.
- Plenary Presentation titled, "Studying Gender in the Popular: Ursula K. Le Guis Speculative Fiction as a Study of Resisting Stereotypes at the International Conference on American Literature and Popular Culture hosted by GITAM School of Humanities and Social Sciences, GITAM Deemed-To-Be University Visakhapatnam, 03 - 04 August, 2023.
- Presented "Riverine Cartographies, Cultural Dichotomies: Epistemic Reconstitution through the Manasamangal Kavya" at the International River Congress organised by University of Colorado (USA), Hokkaido University (Japan), South Asian Institute for advanced Research and Development (India), Kathmandu University and Geomorphological Society of Nepal (Nepal), 6-8 October 2023.
- Participated in the International Delta Summit organised by the Centre for River Affairs, SAIARD, Kolkata, on 16-17 June 2023.
- Participated in International Faculty Development Program on 'Pedagogy and Technology-Enabled Learning', Centre for Education and Technology for Education, IIT Jodhpur, Dates: 19th-23rd July, 2023.

National Seminar:

- Presented "Ghost Stories of/from Sunderbans: Interdisciplinary Ecologies of Knowledge Systems " at the National Seminar *Disciplinary and Difference*, organised by Forum on Contemporary Theory (A Member of the Consortium of Humanities Centers and Institutes), Vadodara, August 20-21, 2023.

Outreach Activities:

- Invited to showcase her project "The Royal Bengal(i) Tiger" at the public exhibition titled "The Festival of Libraries" conducted by the Ministry of Culture, Government of India, in collaboration with Curating for Culture. Delhi ,5-6 August, 2023.
- Co-convened the virtual International Faculty Development Program titled Introduction to Digital Humanities co-organised by the Inter-Disciplinary Research Platform of Digital Humanities, IIT Jodhpur and Scottish Church College, Kolkata. Dates: August 19-September 16, 2023. In it, acted as the faculty instructor for the session "The Digitised Academic: Theories and Praxis" held on August 26, 2023.

Invited Talk:

- Invited to deliver an online lecture on "Understanding Digital Archiving from the Global South: Concepts and Concerns" by the Department of Assamese, Tezpur University, 16 October, 2023.

FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

Sumana Som

Publication:

- Som, Sumana ; Mathew, Deepak John ; Vincs, Kim ; 2023. Virtual Reality for Creativity Practice and Art and Design Education: A Literature Review, Design in the Era of Industry 4.0, Volume 1 (ICORD 2023): Proceedings of ICoRD 2023 / Amaresh Chakrabarti and Vishal Singh (eds.), 2023, Vol. 343, pp. 1011-1022.

Design Registration (IP):

- Design to TOY, in the name of Sumana Som. Design NO: 392465-001.

Sherin Sabu

Publication:

- Sherin Sabu. When a Woman "Becomes a Dog": Metaphors of Menstruation in Central Kerala, India, *Anthrozoös*, 2023. DOI: 10.1080/08927936.2023.2261282.

Award:

- Naik and Rastogi Award for Excellence in Ph.D. Research -2021-2023, IIT Bombay.

Conference:

- Presented a paper "Intimacy and the Sociology of gender: Making a Case for Quantitative Methods" by invitation at the conference "Sociology of Gender: Emerging Issues and Future Agenda" organized by the Department of Sociology, University of Hyderabad, 27-28 October 2023.

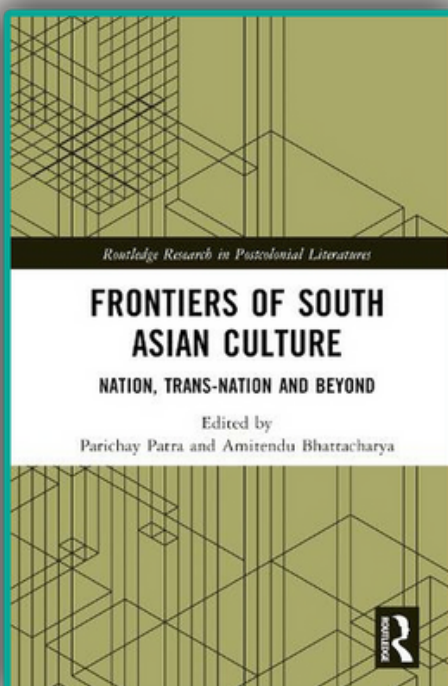




The School of Liberal Arts hosted a vibrant array of social gatherings, blending intellectual curiosity with leisure. From engaging debates and art exhibitions, to cultural events and gatherings, these events were aimed at fostering a spirited community. They celebrated diversity, sparking connections and a shared love for learning and enjoyment.

SoLA's Fun-TAS-tic Fiesta

The M.Des students hosted an array of exhibitions as a part of their program.



STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Aniket Sachan

- Model presentation on "Integration between Science and Society for Better Future" at Research and Industrial Conclave- Integration 2023, IIT Guwahati, 14-16, May 2023.

Sanskriti K

- Presented the paper titled "Locating Transcultural Fandom in India's Chennai: A Case Study of K-Wave India Fan Club" at the Midwest Popular Association (MPCA/ACA) 2023 Virtual Graduate Student Conference, 10-11 March, 2023.
- Presented the paper titled "What's Cooking and Who's Cooking: Locating the Politics of Ethnic Food in Select Disney and Pixar Cinema" at DisNet organized by Disney, Culture, and Society Research Network, 29-30 June, 2023.
- Presented the paper titled "Chopsticks in Manipuri Kitchen: A Study of Mukbang and Fandom amidst "Infrastructure of Injustice " at the 14th Biennial Inter-Asia Cultural Studies Conclave hosted by Ahmedabad University, 27-29 July, 2023.
- Presented the paper titled "Epistemic Racism and Decolonizing Indigenous Knowledge System: Assemblages of Media Ecology in Zubaan's Research Initiatives" at ACS "Decolonization in the 21st Century" International Workshop at National Yang Ming Chiao Tung University, 10-15 August, 2023.
- Presented the paper titled "What is in the foreground? Reorientation of Transnationalism, Digitality, and Queer Desires in Korean BL Dramas" at the International Conference on Media and Communication, organized by Symbiosis Institute of Media and Communication, Pune, September 28-30, 2023.

Samya Brata Roy

- Moderated the session on "The Existent and the Imaginary: Decoding the Future through Science Fiction and Digital Humanities" for the Raleigh Literary Festival 2023 hosted by the Department of English, Aligarh Muslim University, May 2023.
- Delivered a talk on "What is/are the Digital Humanities?" for the Online International Faculty Development Program on Introduction to Digital Humanities jointly organised by Interdisciplinary Research Platform on Digital Humanities, IIT Jodhpur and Scottish Church College, Kolkata. August 2023.
- Spoke on "A Dream within a Screen: Techniques of and in Sultana's Reality" at ELO 2023, Universidade de Coimbra, Coimbra, Portugal, 12-15 July, 2023.
- Chaired a session on "Beyond Electronic Literature" at ELO 2023, Universidade de Coimbra, Coimbra, Portugal, 12-15 July, 2023.
- Spoke on "Narratives, Media & the Archive: A Study of Afrah Shafiq's Enter Sultana's Reality" for the New Postcolonial Concerns Conference on 'Documents' organised by the Faculty of English, University of Cambridge, 8 June 2023.
- ELO 2023 Fellowship Award (\$500 and 1-year membership)
- Juror, Art Exhibition curated by Iva Georgeiva and Mondheera Pituxcoosuvann, The International Conference on Interactive Digital Storytelling (ICIDS) 2023, KIITO Design and Creative Center Kobe, Japan.

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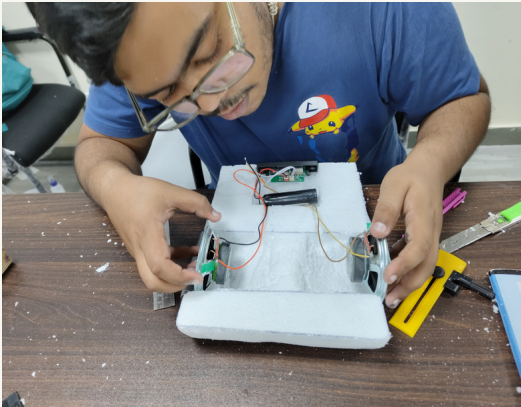
- Top 10% in the portfolio management by Finlatics as a part of Finlatics Financial Markets Experience Program.
- Outstanding Intern Award - PwC India.

Swarnima Banerjee

- Presented paper titled "Bengal and Its First *Flaneuse*: Reading Space in Prabhabati Debi Saraswati's Detective Fiction" at Young Researchers' Conference, organized by Department of English, School of Literary Studies, English and Foreign Languages University, April 2023.
- Presented paper titled "Echoing Liminal Voices: Comics as Counter-Cultural Discourses in India" at Comics on the Margins organized by Comics Studies Society (Virtual International Presenter Award) June 2023.
- Awarded Best Women's Paper for "Core-Periphery Dialectic: Locating *Flaneuses* in Prabhabati Debi Saraswati's Detective Fictions" at Anusandhan 1.0 organised by Research Society at Indian Institute of Technology Mandi, June 2023.
- Presented paper titled "Women as Detectives: Postcolonial Crime Narratives from Bengal" at Captivating Criminality 10: Celebrating Crime Fiction organised by International Crime Fiction Association from 31st August to 2nd September 2023.

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