



Call for Abstracts

One-Day Interdisciplinary International Seminar on The Value of Values: Relevance in the 21st Century Society

Organised by Department of Philosophy, **Sarat Centenary College**
In Collaboration with Department of Philosophy, **Tarakeswar Degree College**

Date: **11th April, 2025 (Friday)**
Venue: **Sarat Centenary College**

Concept Note:

The 21st century has witnessed unprecedented technological advancements, globalization, and cultural exchange. However, this progress has also been accompanied by growing concerns about moral decay, social fragmentation, and environmental degradation. The notion of "values" has become increasingly important in this context, as individuals, communities, and societies seek to navigate the complexities of modern life.

The concept of values is complex and multifaceted, encompassing moral, ethical, cultural, and personal dimensions. Values shape our perceptions, attitudes, and behaviours, influencing how we interact with others, make decisions, and construct our identities. In the 21st century, the relevance of values is being re-examined in various contexts, including education, politics, business, and personal relationships.

This international seminar aims to explore the value of values in the 21st century society from an interdisciplinary perspective, drawing on insights from philosophy, history, political science, sociology, and language disciplines.

❖ Keynote Speaker:

Dr. M. Matiur Rahman, Former Professor, Dhaka University

❖ Plenary Speakers:

- **Dr. Arnab Kumar Mukhopadhyay**

Assistant Professor in Philosophy, Presidency University, Kolkata

- **Sharmistha Chakraborty**

Assistant Professor in Philosophy, Onda Thana Mahavidyalaya, Bankura



The seminar seeks to address the following questions, but not limited to:

- What are the core values that should guide human behaviour in the 21st century?
- How have values evolved over time, and what are the implications of these changes for contemporary society?
- How do values intersect with power dynamics, social justice, and human rights?
- What role do values play in shaping personal and collective identities?
- How can values be cultivated and promoted in various contexts, including education, politics, and personal relationships?

Objectives:

- o To explore the concept of values from an interdisciplinary perspective, drawing on insights from philosophy, history, political science, sociology, and language disciplines.
- o To examine the relevance of values in the 21st century society, including their role in shaping personal and collective identities, guiding human behaviour, and promoting social justice and human rights.
- o To analyse the intersections between values, power dynamics, and social justice, and to explore the implications of these intersections for contemporary society.
- o To discuss strategies for cultivating and promoting values in various contexts, including education, politics, and personal relationships.

Sub-Themes (indicative, not limited to):

- Rethinking Values in a Post-Truth Era
- The Evolution of Values
- Values and Power Dynamics
- The Value of Empathy
- Sustainability and the Value of Environmental Stewardship
- Values and Leadership in the Digital Age
- The Intersection of Values and Human Rights
- Cultural Values and Identity in a Globalized World
- The Value of Forgiveness in Conflict Resolution
- Values and Education: Preparing for an Uncertain Future
- The Value of Diversity and Inclusion in the Workplace
- Values and Technology: The Ethics of Artificial Intelligence
- The Role of Values in Promoting Mental Health and Well-being
- Values and Social Media
- The Value of Gratitude in Personal and Professional Life
- Values and Social Justice: Addressing Inequality and Human Rights
- The Intersection of Values and Spirituality in the 21st Century
- Values and Domestic Violence
- The Value of Humility in Leadership and Personal Life
- Values and Intergenerational Relationships



Abstracts in Bangla or English with 3-5 keywords and short bio-note are invited for this seminar. Abstracts are to be typewritten [in Unicode in case of Bangla] in .doc/.docx format. Abstracts sent in any other format than .doc/.docx format will not be accepted. *Please DO NOT send abstracts in .pdf or image format.*

Important Dates and Information about the Seminar

- e-Mail Abstracts to: pankajsendnk@gmail.com
- Last Date for Abstract Submission: **29th March, 2025(Saturday)**
- Acceptance of Abstracts will be Communicated Within: 1stApril, 2025 (Tuesday)
- Registration Opens: **2nd April, 2025 (Wednesday)**
- Registration Closes: **7thApril, 2025(Monday)**
- Registration Fees: ₹1000 (₹800 for PhD Research Scholars& MPhil, PG Students)
- Spot Registration Fees: ₹1200 for All Categories

Registration fees (non-refundable) include participation of one participant, seminar kit, lunch and refreshments during the schedule of the seminar. Registration fees do not include accommodation and conveyance of the participant. Organisers will not provide any travelling allowance or accommodation to the participants. Participants are requested to avoid spot registration and transfer/deposit the registration fees to the bank account within 7th April, 2025 (Monday). **Bank account details will be informed at the time of acceptance of abstracts.** Please email us the soft copy of the transaction receipt bearing the transaction number. Confirmation of registration will be sent through reply email within 9th April, 2025 (Wednesday).

- **Date of the Seminar: 11th April,2025 (Friday) 10AM – 05PM**
- **Venue of the Seminar: Sarat Centenary College, Dhaniakhali, Hooghly, WB-71302**

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Sarat Centenary College is located in Hooghly district of West Bengal. It is connected by road to the district town, Chinsurah, (30 KMs) on one side and to a major pilgrimage town, Tarakeswar, (20 KMs) on the other side. Kolkata-Durgapur NH is 10 KMs from the college. Howrah-Burdwan chord railway track is 5 KMs from the college. Nearest (5 KMs) railway station is Dhaniakhali Halt (DNHL). It takes approximately 1 hour from both Howrah (HWH) and Burdwan (BWN) to reach Dhaniakhali Halt by train.

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