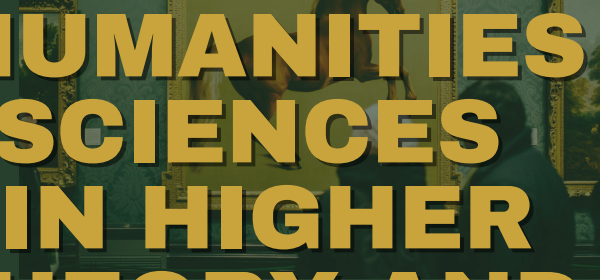




Teaching and Learning Centre and Department of Humanities
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Birla Institute of Technology and Science Pilani
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organize
a Conference on



**ECOLOGICAL HUMANITIES
AND SOCIAL SCIENCES
PEDAGOGIES IN HIGHER
EDUCATION: THEORY AND
PRAXIS**

17 & 18 February, 2025

at

Birla Institute of Technology and Science Pilani
K. K. Birla Goa Campus, Goa

“...ecopedagogy is not an education about ecology but an education through ecology, meaning that it is an education based on an ecological worldview. A worldview is the fundamental understanding of life and the world. Ecological worldview means the ecological approach to the understanding of life and the world.”

– Ruyu Hung

CONCEPT NOTE

Environmental Humanities and Social Sciences are increasingly being taught in various forms across India and the globe, spanning traditional and interdisciplinary departments.

These courses are diverse, reflecting the unique characteristics of the institutions offering them, such as geographical context, the presence of specific communities, rural-urban dynamics, and the ecophilosophical perspectives of instructors. Consequently, the teaching methods employed are equally varied, shaped by these multifaceted influences.

Ecological texts—whether literary, cultural, cinematic, or artistic—engage with a wide array of themes, including the Anthropocene, climate change, environmental sustainability, conservation, ecological attitudes, individual and communal ecological engagements, environmental justice, ecofeminism, ecosophy and indigenous knowledge systems. These diverse themes necessitate equally diverse pedagogical approaches to effectively explore and teach them in classroom settings.

This conference invites papers that theorize and reflect on the practical strategies employed by educators in teaching these ecological subjects. The aim is to compile and disseminate innovative, tried-and-tested pedagogical practices that can serve as exemplary models for educators across institutions. Papers should focus on theoretical frameworks, classroom experiences, and the challenges of engaging students in higher education with ecological materials in meaningful and transformative ways.



Suggested topics include but are not limited to:

- Teaching ecocriticism in Indian colleges and universities
- Contemporary challenges in ecological pedagogy
- Ecoliterary pedagogies
- Bioregional pedagogies
- Posthumanist ecological pedagogies
- Disciplinary and interdisciplinary approaches to ecological education
- Eco-postcolonial pedagogies
- Globalization and ecological education
- Media, new media, and ecological teaching practices
- Artificial intelligence and ecological pedagogies
- Ecopedagogy in rural versus urban contexts
- Community-based ecological teaching practices
- Pedagogy and environmental activism
- Ethics in ecopedagogy
- Ecolinguistics pedagogies

We welcome contributions that critically engage with these themes, offering fresh insights into ecological education and innovative classroom practices. Let this conference be a platform to share, learn, and inspire effective teaching strategies that respond to the urgent ecological challenges of our time.



CALL FOR PAPERS

Abstracts of no more than 300 words should be submitted in an MS Word document format and emailed to ecopedagogy25@goa.bits-pilani.in by **01 February 2025** for consideration. Contributors will be notified about the acceptance of their abstracts by **08 February 2025**. Full papers, not exceeding 15 pages (4000 to 6000 words), should be typed single-spaced on A4 paper, following the **MLA Style Sheet** (9th Edition), and submitted shortly after the conference concludes. Selected papers will be published as part of a book with a renowned international publisher.

Registration

The registration fee includes a conference kit, lunch, tea for two days, and participation in all sessions.

- **Paper Presentation:**

Rs. 2500 (for faculty)

Rs. 1500 (for research scholars)

About BITS Pilani, K. K. Birla Goa Campus

BITS Pilani, K. K. Birla Goa Campus, is a premier institute of higher education in India, known for its innovative pedagogy, state-of-the-art infrastructure, and interdisciplinary approach to education and research. Nestled amidst lush greenery, the campus fosters academic excellence and holistic development. ([BITS Pilani, K K Birla Goa Campus](#))



About the Teaching and Learning Centre, BITS Goa

The Teaching and Learning Centre at BITS Goa aims to advance pedagogical practices by supporting educators with workshops, research opportunities, and innovative teaching tools. It serves as a hub for fostering creative teaching strategies and enhancing the learning experience for students. ([Teaching Learning Centre - BITS Pilani](#))

About the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, BITS Goa

The Department of Humanities and Social Sciences at BITS Goa bridges the gap between technical education and the liberal arts, offering diverse courses in literature, philosophy, sociology, and more. The department promotes interdisciplinary research and cultivates critical thinking and social awareness among students. ([Humanities and Social Sciences - BITS Pilani](#))

IMPORTANT DATES

- **Deadline for Abstract Submission:** 01 February 2025
- **Notification of Accepted Abstracts:** 08 February 2025
- **Deadline for Registration:** 10 February 2025



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