

Young Researchers' International Webinar on The Evolution of Bengali Identity Reflections in Literature, Culture & Society

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Concept Note

The year 2020 being the year of 200th birth anniversary of Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar, one of the pioneers of Bengal Renaissance, this webinar proposes to map the evolution of the Bengali identity during these last 200 years, the pluralities and the nuances, that have often outgrown the linguistic and geographical dimensions. The webinar will also focus on the cultural, social, religious and political events that have impacted Bengali identity during the 200-year-long journey through which it has evolved since the Bengal Renaissance.

The webinar proposes to create a space for contestations and deliberations on how the factors and facets relating to Bengali identity have been represented in different types of literary media. Some of the subtopics that the webinar looks forward to dwell upon are:

- Bengal Renaissance and Reformations
- Nationalism and Politics
- Religion and Partitions
- Famines and Disasters
- Home and Diaspora
- Globalisation and Multiculturalism
- Science and Rationalism
- Literature and Arts
- Regionalism and Provincialism
- Language and Dialects
- Performances and Popular Culture
- Inclusivity and Multiplicity

However, this is by no means a comprehensive listing.

Call for Papers

Original and unpublished research papers in English are invited only from:

- Postgraduate or MPhil Students
- Junior or Senior Doctoral Research Fellows
- Project or Postdoctoral Fellows

Please send only in .doc or .docx format; [click here to submit the following](#):

- A short bio-note within 200 words
- 3-5 keywords
- An abstract within 500 words
- Full paper (optional but recommended)
- [Please click here for general submission guidelines](#)
- A suggestive [template is available here](#).
- 15 minutes are allotted for each paper presentation
- Selection of the papers for presentation in the webinar is subject to peer-review

Important Dates

- Last Date for Submission of Papers: 25 September 2020
- Optional but Recommended: Please send the full paper within 30 September 2020
- Communication of Acceptance: 05 October 2020
- Webinar Dates: 10, 11, 12 October 2020

Online Platform: Google Meet [the event will be recorded and live-streamed; link for joining the event will be shared with registered participants]

Streaming Platform: [Facebook](#)

Streaming URL: <https://www.facebook.com/psjourn/live> [please click here to visit and follow the official Facebook page of the journal to receive updates]

Registration and Submission of Papers: [Please click here to access the submission form](#)

Registration Fees: NIL

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Publication

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