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Kristu Jayanti (Deemed to be University):

Kristu Jayanti, founded in 1999, is managed by "Bodhi Niketan Trust", formed by the members of St. Joseph Province of the Carmelites of Mary Immaculate (CMI). The institution strives to fulfil its mission to provide educational opportunities for all aspiring youth to excel in life by developing academic excellence, fostering values, creating civic responsibility, inculcating environmental concern and building global competencies in a dynamic environment. As a distinguished higher educational institution with a legacy of academic excellence and societal commitment, it has been conferred the status of **Deemed to be University** under section 3 of UGC Act, 1956, as per the notification dated July 08, 2025, vide letter No. 9-13/2025 - U.3(A), by the Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education, Government of India under General Category.

The institution was reaccredited with grade 'A++' in 2021 by NAAC in the Third Cycle of Accreditation. In the NIRF 2024, the institution has been ranked 60th place in the top 100 colleges in the country. The programmes of the School of Management are internationally accredited by the Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs [ACBSP, USA]. The Institution was accorded 'DBT Star College status under the strengthening component' by the Department of Biotechnology, Ministry of Science & Technology, Government of India. The institution received first prize at the National Level for 'Clean and Smart Campus Award' from Shri. Dharmendra Pradhan, Minister of Education, Govt. of India.

Bangalore Baptist Hospital

BBH is a 450-bed tertiary care teaching hospital that embodies quality with compassion and is governed by Christian Medical College (CMC), Vellore. BBH is the first mission hospital in the country to have met national quality standards (NABH and NABL) of excellence in healthcare. BBH has been in the healing ministry since 1973 and has completed 50 years of preserving lives. BBH has trained 450 post-graduates so far and also runs the Nursing and the Allied Health Sciences Training Institutes. With an experienced, well qualified team of 350 doctors and a passionate workforce of more than 2000 staff, BBH is committed to providing high-quality care using the latest technology and medical advances in vogue. The department of Neurology has state-of-the-art Electrophysiology lab equipped with portable EEG, various treatment modalities including Plasmapheresis, Immuno-modulatory therapy and Botox treatment. The department offers highly specialized services like palliative and Neuro-Oncology care.

Department of English:

Department of English, Kristu Jayanti (Deemed to be University), aspires to be a leading center for English language and literature studies. The curriculum is structured in tune with the educational objectives by giving specific weightage to the cross-cutting issues for enriching the learning experience of students. The department organises several events that encourage participatory and experiential learning, such as Oberiu: an Intracollegiate fest, Delphia: an annual literary festival, Theater Productions, International Lecture Series, various capability and Skill Enhancement workshops on Technical Writing and Content Writing, to name a few. The Department fosters, facilitates and inspires students with creative and critical thinking focusing on holistic development and employability.

The Department of English offers Undergraduate and Postgraduate programmes with syllabus ranging from British Literature, Indian Literature, American Literature, Literary Criticism and Theory, European and Non- European Literatures, Phonetics and Linguistics, Cultural Studies, English Language Teaching to the latest trends and developments in the discipline of Literature. Thus, the department nurtures young minds to be capable individuals who will join hands in building a peaceful world.

About the Conference

Humanities have contributed to 'Planetary', a relational ethic beyond globalisation integrating epistemes, frameworks, and paradigms that are multi- disciplinary. This method of integration breaches boundaries that are discipline-specific exploring relationships of reciprocity. Recent advances in literature, neuroscience, cognitive studies, and other creative expressions have transformed traditional approaches to knowledge and innovative research. Neurohumanities is a burgeoning interdisciplinary field investigating the interplay between neural mechanisms and humanistic disciplines such as literature, art, philosophy, and cultural studies.

Retreading the horizon of research innovation in a technology-driven context; neurohumanities have a vital role in engaging with the "canvas of human experience and problems of critical importance to today's society" (Carew, Thomas., et al. 2020). Neurohumanities explores the cognitive and affective dimensions of human experience by engaging with literary texts and other cultural contexts. Discourses around neurohumanities highlight the concept of "cognitive tools" including external tools such as oral or written literature, visual arts, performing arts, and culture; and internal strategies, i.e., symbols and metaphors employed in cognitive processing. These tools serve as a means to represent and recreate unique ways of perceiving reality and human experiences. This engagement spanning neuroaesthetics, embodied mind, and reading invites attention to foundational questions around emotion, creativity, memory, and identity.

The conference aims to provide a multidisciplinary research approach in all fields of neurohumanities synergising scientific and humanistic disciplines. Drawing on discourses in the humanities, it seeks to explore theoretical development, representation, and interrelationship between literature and embodied mind. This conference invites students, scholars, researchers, and academicians from a range of disciplines (including but not limited to literature, language and linguistics, neuroscience, performance studies, philosophy, psychology, history, sociology, cultural studies, cultural anthropology, and fine arts) to reflect on the reciprocal relationship between meaning-making and the nature of its interaction with their operating environments relevant to neurohumanities.

Resource Persons



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Papers are invited focusing on but not limited to the following broader themes and subthemes:

Neurohumanities: Theoretical Approaches

- Affect Theory and Literary Imagination
- Neurolinguistics
- Cognitive Approaches to Literature and Art
- Cultural Linguistics
- Embodied Reader and Embodied Mind
- Social and Cultural Neuroscience
- Memory and trauma
- Neuroaesthetics and Visual Art
- Art Therapy
- Ethics in Neurohumanities

Neurohumanities: Multimodal Approaches

- Memory, Identity, and the concept of selfhood
- Crossmodal Metaphor
- Neural Foundations of Storytelling
- Neurodiversity in Fiction
- Bibliotherapy and Narrative Medicine
- Muscapes
- Coping Mechanism
- AI and Modeling of Reading Processes
- Multisensory Aesthetics
- Brain-Body Interaction in the Age of AI
- Economic Behaviour and decision making

Publishing Partners

Selected Papers, which adhere to the guidelines will be published as a book chapter with Taylor & Francis, CRC Press (**Quality papers which cater to the criteria will be indexed by Scopus/WOS**)



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For further details check the guidelines on the website.

Important Dates

Last date for the submission of Abstracts	30 th Aug, 2025
Last date for the submission of full paper	15 th Sept, 2025

Registration

Fee for	Students & Research Scholars	Faculty members & Industrial Delegates
Participation (Offline)	500 INR	800 INR
Participation & Presentation (Offline)	800 INR	1000 INR
Participation (Online)	400 INR	700 INR
Participation & Presentation (Online)	600 INR	900 INR

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