



School of Letters Mahatma Gandhi University Kottayam

The School of Letters, Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam, invites student scholars and academics to submit abstracts or synopses of in-progress scholarly papers to our two-day bilingual international conference.

The conference, **Gendered Spaces: Digressions in Literary Discourses**, aims at exploring and discussing gender representations and their political markers in socio-cultural milieus.

The political complexity posited by body, power, and gender at the forefront has been discussed in history and literature across time. However, they advance to the spatio-temporal dimensions of cultural diversity and social identities/beingnesses today. Therefore, subjecting this to serious scholarly discussions, focusing on state, citizenship, and expressions, strengthens a new epistemological direction, opening up the possibility of new epistemic models. At this juncture, 75 years after the publication of Simone de Beauvoir's *The Second Sex*, addressing the current direction of gender debates is a scholarly task. It is high time for academia to recognise that the discussions on gender and sexual differences should have continuity.

We invite papers in **English and Malayalam** that critically study state, citizenship, expressions, and cultural-social-literary discourses/representations. The abstract/synopsis of the paper should be sent to the email id, genderedspaces2025@gmail.com, by **12 AM (night), August 7, 2025**. Those selected will be notified by email.

Possible topics may include, but are not limited to:

- Gender and Sexual Categorisations: Possibilities and Problems
- Social Movements and Gender Politics
- Gender and Language
- Cinema, Body, Politics
- Queer Theatre
- Gender, Knowledge Production, Historical Narrativisation
- Gender and Law
- Gender in Literary Discourses
- Gender, Identity, Representation
- Gender, Religion, Culture, Nationalism

Registration Fee

Teachers/Academics- 1500
Researchers- 750
Students- 300

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