



Khulna University
Arts and Humanities School

International Conference

on

Arts and Humanities for Peacebuilding

June 21-22, 2025

Call for Papers

In a rapidly changing world driven by technological advancements and global connectivity, the humanities provide a crucial counterbalance by emphasizing ethics, empathy, and critical thinking. The humanities, through rich explorations of human experiences, empower individuals and societies to understand, question, and transcend limitations, ultimately fostering liberation and progress. Through literature, art, and history, societies preserve and transmit moral and cultural ideals across generations. These disciplines enable individuals to reflect on concepts such as justice, equality, compassion, and respect while encouraging a deeper understanding of concepts like freedom, responsibility, and human rights that lay the foundation for personal and societal growth, focusing on human development and offering frameworks for nurturing a values-driven society. Besides, the humanities also serve as a powerful tool for the emancipation of individuals and groups from societal, intellectual, cultural or political constraints. The humanities achieve this by equipping individuals with critical thinking and philosophical tools to question authority, challenge norms, and imagine alternative possibilities. By analyzing texts, artworks, and historical events, individuals learn to question assumptions and evaluate arguments critically. This intellectual rigour fostered by the humanities is crucial for resisting dogma and authoritarianism, playing a transformative role in ideology by giving voice to marginalized communities and challenging dominant narratives, illuminating the lived experiences of oppressed groups, and sparking critical dialogues and social change. The humanities, thus, empower these voices, ensuring they are heard and respected, thereby dismantling systems of exclusion and inequality. In today's world, the relevance of the humanities cannot be overstated. As societies grapple with challenges like climate change, technological disruptions, and social inequalities, the humanities provide critical insights and solutions. They remind us that progress must be guided by ethical considerations and a commitment to human well-being.

Keeping the ever-expansive vista of scope and possibilities fostered by the humanities in the foreground, the Arts and Humanities School of Khulna University is going to host an international conference on June 21-22, 2025 to explore further opportunities that academics and practitioners of the humanities may suggest. We welcome submissions that may examine, but are not limited to, the following aspects of the humanities:

- Decolonization
- Diaspora Studies
- Migration Studies
- Class, Race and Ethnicity
- Agency and Imprisonment
- Art and Architecture
- Cultural Heritage
- Uprising and Revolution
- Tourism and History
- Postcolonial Inquiries

- National Consciousness and Nation-Building
- Psychology in Literature
- Religion and Politics
- The Global South
- Popular Culture
- Digital Humanities
- Historical Inquiries of War and Peace
- Narrative and Counter Narrative
- war and Memory
- Language Politics
- Language and Linguistics
- Gender Discourse and Diversity
- Environmental and Climate Justice
- Multispecies Awareness
- Performative Arts
- Social Justice
- Indigenous Knowledge and Ethics
- Peace and Conflict

Important Dates:

Submission of Abstracts: 20 April 2025

Notification of Acceptance: 30 April 2025

Registration: 2 May 2025

Submission and Presentation Guidelines:

Abstract: Maximum 300 words

Short Biography: Maximum 50-75 words

Please send your abstract along with a short biography to ahsconference2025@ku.ac.bd

Registration Fees:

International Presenter : 30USD
Paper/Panel Presenter : 3000BDT

Participants:

Faculty (Full time /Part time) : 2000BDT
Students : 1000BDT

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