

ABOUT THE SCHOOL

The School of Sanskrit, Philosophy and Indic Studies (SSPIS) is the outcome of integrating two separate academic units at Goa University, namely, the erstwhile Department of Philosophy and the nascent School of Sanskrit and Indic Knowledge Systems, into a composite whole for wider and deeper engagements.

Currently, SSPIS offers Master's as well as Doctoral studies in Philosophy, encompassing both the Indian and Western philosophical specializations. SSPIS has a robust research program and students from other reputed universities both from India and abroad pursue their studies here. Over the years, with the sustained efforts of the faculty and students, the philosophy program at Goa University has been able to embark on the path towards excellence in teaching and learning.

In the near future, SSPIS would offer programs of study in Sanskrit Language and Literature, Computational Linguistics, Pali, and Buddhist Studies besides Philosophy. Through these academic programs, SSPIS aims to build a cosmopolitan knowledge community capable of addressing societal challenges from the perspective of the humanities discipline.



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IMPORTANT DATES

Abstract submission

16 August 2023

Selection of abstracts

Last week of August 2023

Full paper submission

Last week of September 2023

Online presentation

13–14 October 2023

Please send your abstracts to
sspis2023@gmail.com
before **16 August 2023**



Bounds of Community Language, Identity, and Praxis

National-Level Webinar
13–14 October 2023



ABOUT THE WEBINAR

As members of a common society, we have a common language, shared traditions, and certain understandings. Within these structures, the very essences that bind a community such as language and identity may become the bounds/boundaries of a community. A sense of Community brings about both “belongingness” as well as “othering”. Membership corresponds to the feeling of being part of a community; this aspect embraces the perception of shared boundaries. However, this provides a general framework within which there exist fundamental differences and conflicts.

The self is indeed constituted in, and through these frameworks that we find ourselves in, and one cannot relinquish all the frameworks and develop a view from nowhere, but the initial frameworks that are constitutive for an individual need not continue to remain so. The family, community, nation, or people into which we are born do not determine inescapable identities for us. The selves in their essence are embodied, relational, and fundamentally dialogical. Bounds of a community may also mean marginalization; Individuals and communities who find themselves at the margins of mainstream society have been placed there by oppressive and discriminatory systems. Different types of discrimination often intersect, resulting in various forms of marginalization and continued oppression.

What we share as members of society is not a single and univocal set of understandings, but rather an open and developing tradition in which there is dialogue, debate, and disagreement.

When these tasks are undertaken between members of different language communities, the balance between communication, representation, and identity becomes more complex and critical. This calls for a need to re-examine language, identity, and communities.

Along the same lines, SSPIS invites abstracts for a national-level webinar from research scholars pursuing their M.Phil and Ph.D, surrounding the main theme of the topic; bounds of community. The objective is to bring together scholarly works to explore, critically examine and understand the notions of identity and language with respect to communities and the boundaries that follow in the social praxis.

A list of potential research areas is given below. Please note that the list is merely referential and abstracts need not be restricted to these areas.

1. Philosophy of social science
2. Philosophy of mind
3. Moral Philosophy
4. Philosophy of Religion
5. Environmental Philosophy
6. Political Philosophy
7. Philosophy of language
8. Feminist Philosophy

GUIDELINES FOR ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

Abstracts of **150–200 words** along with **5 keywords** are to be mailed to sspis2023@gmail.com before **16 August 2023**. Scholars can submit their abstracts as a Word document with a title page indicating their name, affiliation, and contact details. Kindly refrain from submitting multiple abstracts. Authors of the selected abstracts will be intimated through e-mail in the last week of August.

REGISTRATION

There is **no registration fee**. Interested scholars can send in their abstracts to the given e-mail ID

CERTIFICATES

Digital certificates of participation will be issued by SSPIS to the scholars who present their completed papers in the webinar.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The webinar will be conducted in **online mode only** and has been scheduled for **13-14 October 2023**. Kindly note that the completed papers will have to be submitted at least a week prior to the presentation. Further details regarding the date of submission of the papers, formatting and presentation guidelines, etc. will be sent out along with the intimation of abstract selection. Any query regarding the webinar may be directly addressed to the organizing committee at sspis2023@gmail.com. We look forward to your participation.

