



**Aliah University**  
**Department of English**



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**PETER LANG**

*presents*

**1st International Young Researchers'  
Conference**  
on

**PARADIGMS  
IN FLUX**

Contemporary  
Discourses  
and Trajectories  
in the Humanities

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## ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY

Aliah University started its glorious journey from the 2008-09 academic session with great potential and immense opportunities. It is hoped that this university, harmonizing tradition and modernity, will emerge as a unique institution of higher studies and research. As per Aliah University Act 2007, Section 3 (3), it has been conferred the status of a minority educational institution. Aliah University is an autonomous university under the Department of Minority Affairs and Madrasah Education, Government of West Bengal. It is hoped that along with the people of any race, creed, caste or class, this University will play a crucial and leading role in the advancement of higher education for socially and educationally backward classes belonging to the Minorities.

## ABOUT THE DEPARTMENT

The Department of English at Aliah University, located at Park Circus, Kolkata, is a vibrant academic centre dedicated to the study of literature, language, and culture. Committed to fostering critical thinking, intellectual engagement, and creativity, the Department offers comprehensive undergraduate and postgraduate programs that provide a strong foundation in English studies while embracing contemporary literary and cultural analysis. The Department's curriculum encompasses diverse areas, including British and American literature, Indian English literature, Postcolonial and Subaltern studies, Literary theory, and Drama. With a distinguished faculty engaged in pioneering research, students benefit from expert mentorship and scholarly guidance, equipping them with the knowledge and skills necessary for careers in academia, publishing, media, and related fields. In addition to rigorous academic training, the Department actively encourages research and intellectual inquiry through national and international conferences, seminars, and workshops. These events serve as platforms for students, faculty, and scholars to engage with evolving literary and cultural discourses. The department also nurtures a dynamic cultural environment by organizing literary festivals, debates, creative writing competitions, and other co-curricular activities, fostering well-rounded intellectual and personal growth.

Looking ahead, the Department of English at Aliah University remains committed to academic excellence, interdisciplinary collaboration, and global engagement. Through innovative research, inclusive learning practices, and a passion for literary and cultural studies, the Department continues to shape the next generation of scholars and professionals.

## CONCEPT NOTE

The Department of English, Aliah University, Kolkata, in collaboration with Peter Lang, seeks to organise a conference entitled “*Paradigms in Flux: Contemporary Discourses and Trajectories in the Humanities*” from 9 to 10 September 2025.

Across the globe, traditional frameworks of knowledge production are being disrupted by new methodologies, voices, and narratives that seek to bridge the gap between the local and the global, the material and the digital, the human and the non-human. These shifts are not merely reflective of change but are actively reshaping our collective understanding of identity, power, environment, and culture. At the heart of these changes lies the concept of “paradigms in flux.” This phrase encapsulates the fluid, evolving nature of the intellectual and cultural frameworks that govern our understanding of the world. Traditional binaries such as modernity and tradition, the individual and the collective, or the local and the universal are increasingly being questioned and redefined. These paradigmatic shifts are not confined to academic discourse; they permeate every aspect of contemporary life, influencing how we engage with literature, cultural production, public memory, and ethical practices. In this world of rapid transformations and unprecedented challenges, the Humanities stand as a vital lens through which we can examine, critique, and reimagine the paradigms that shape human experience. The conference, *Paradigms in Flux: Contemporary Discourses and Trajectories in the Humanities*, seeks to explore the evolving contours of thought and creativity within these disciplines. It reflects on the dynamic intersections of tradition and innovation, local and global, and the human and the non-human, providing a space to engage with the complexities of our times. This conference addresses the shifting landscapes of knowledge production and cultural representation, examining how emerging narratives and methodologies respond to contemporary issues such as climate change, digital disruption, social justice, and identity politics. From the resurgence of Indigenous voices and the rise of ecological consciousness to the influence of digital technologies and intersectional approaches, the conference encompasses a wide spectrum of critical and creative engagements. Through an interdisciplinary approach, the conference will bring together scholars, practitioners, and students to interrogate and reimagine the role of the Humanities in a rapidly changing world. By situating these discussions within diverse contexts—urban, ecological, digital, and global—the event will foster dialogue on the ways in which the Humanities can navigate and address the complexities of the 21<sup>st</sup> century. This conference is both a reflection on the present and a call to envision a more inclusive, equitable, and sustainable future through the transformative power of the Humanities.

In essence, *Paradigms in Flux* is not just a conference; it is a call to action. It invites participants to critically engage with the shifting paradigms of our time, to question existing frameworks, and to imagine new possibilities. By bringing together diverse voices and perspectives, the conference aims to foster a spirit of collaboration and innovation, emphasizing the importance of the Humanities in navigating an increasingly complex world. As we face the uncertainties of the future, the Humanities offer a vital space for reflection, critique, and hope. They remind us that the paradigms we inhabit are not fixed but fluid, open to reimagining and reinvention. Through this conference, we seek to contribute to this ongoing process of transformation, affirming the enduring relevance and transformative power of the Humanities in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.



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