



THREE-DAY INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE
(HYBRID MODE)

Networks and Entanglements

Exploring Civilisational Intertextuality
in the Global South

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Organised by
Maulana Azad National Urdu University
Hyderabad, Telangana, India.

In academic collaboration with
Central Institute of Indian Languages
Mysuru, Karnataka, India

INSTITUTIONAL PROFILES

ABOUT MANUU

Maulana Azad National Urdu University (MANUU) is a Central University established in 1998 by an Act of the Parliament of India to promote the Urdu language and provide higher, technical, and vocational education through Urdu. Named after Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, India's first Minister of Education and a distinguished freedom fighter, the University stands as a symbol of academic excellence, inclusivity, and national integration.

Located in Hyderabad, MANUU offers programmes across sciences, humanities, social sciences, education, technology, management, commerce, law, journalism & mass communication and vocational studies through its various Schools and Centres. Functioning in both regular and distance modes, the University extends quality education to diverse and underserved communities across India through its campuses and regional centres.

Accredited with an A+ Grade by NAAC and placed in the 101-150 rank band in the NIRF University category, MANUU has also been featured in the QS Asia Rankings 2026. The University promotes interdisciplinary research, multilingual dialogue, cultural engagement, and sustainable campus practices, while fostering national and international academic collaborations.

ABOUT CIIL

The Central Institute of Indian Languages (CIIL), Mysuru, was established in 1969 by the Government of India to promote and develop Indian languages in all their richness and diversity. The Institute advises and assists both Central and State Governments in matters relating to language policy, language planning, and language development.

Over the last five decades, CIIL has contributed significantly to the development of Indian languages through the creation of linguistic content and corpora, documentation of minor, minority, and tribal languages, and promotion of multilingualism and linguistic harmony. The Institute also conducts programmes for teaching Indian languages to non-native learners and works towards strengthening interlingual and intercultural understanding across the country.

All through its distinguished journey, CIIL has worked across diverse and overlapping disciplines, serving as a catalytic force for dialogue between language, society, and culture. The Institute continues to foster new approaches to the study of language and its interconnected relationship with human knowledge, identity, and cultural expression.

ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

The conference seeks to rethink civilisational categories and boundaries not as closed, water-tight and self-contained entities, but as historically entangled formations based on the idea of intertextuality – that individual texts and languages are inextricably interwoven while continuously borrowing from and influencing one another.

The focus will be on the Global South, which has historically been a dynamic space of cultural encounters, intellectual exchanges, and civilisational flows. In particular, the conference aims to foreground networks and entanglements across major civilisational languages in the Global South, mainly Persian, Sanskrit, Arabic, Hindi, Urdu, Turkish, Tamil and Prakrit.

Countries in the Global South have long been interconnected through networks of trade, migration, religion, language, and knowledge systems. These interactions generated layered forms of intertextuality while also recognising the vital contributions of oral traditions within this broader interconnected field of inquiry that continuously references, remodels, and reinterprets itself across time.

The concept of “networks and entanglements” foregrounds multidirectional literary and linguistic exchanges while also challenging linear narratives. Instead of viewing texts as isolated entities, the conference aims to emphasise relationality, hybridity, and co-creation. It further seeks to highlight how the Global South has contributed to the making of global intellectual and cultural histories.

Such a perspective is especially pertinent in contemporary times, marked by renewed interest in South–South connections, South–North negotiations, decolonial thought, and transregional solidarities, thereby calling for deeper exploration of these interwoven civilisational trajectories.

The main language of the Conference will be English.

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SUB THEMES

1. Language, Power, and Knowledge Systems:

- Multilingualism and translation politics
- Indigenous knowledge systems and epistemic justice
- Language hierarchies in global academia
- Linguistic cosmopolis of the Global South

2. Gendered and Subaltern Entanglements

3. History of Emotions and Feeling Communities

4. Minor Cosmopolitanisms

5. Ecologies, Landscapes, and Environmental Narratives

6. Blue Humanities and Oceanic Thinking / Archipelagic Imaginaries / Littoral / Island Cultures

7. Knowledge Networks and Intellectual Histories

8. Methodologies for Studying Entanglements:

- Interdisciplinary and transregional approaches
- Digital humanities and network analysis
- Rethinking area studies and comparative frameworks
- Global South as method of analysis
- Civilizational intertextuality and Conjunctural analysis

9. Colonial and Postcolonial Rewritings

10. Decoloniality:

- Global South Imaginations and Interventions
- Globalectics
- Cultures of Resistance

11. Intertextual Resistance and Counter-Narratives

12. Textual Entanglements across Civilisations:

- Comparative literary traditions in Asia, Africa, and Latin America
- Translation, adaptation, and re-narration across languages
- Oral, performative, and written intertextualities

13. Networks of Trade, Travel, Sufi Brotherhoods, Scholars (Ulema) and Literatures across the Indian Ocean and the Mediterranean

14. Creolization and Creole Cultures across the Global South

IMPORTANT DATES & SUBMISSION DETAILS

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-  30 June 2026
Abstract Submission Deadline
-  15 July 2026
Notification of Acceptance
-  1 August 2026
Registration Deadline
-  30 September 2026
Full Paper Submission Deadline
-  2-4 November 2026
Conference Dates

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

- Times New Roman, 12 pt, 1.5 spacing
- Maximum 250 words including keywords
- Bio-note: 200-250 words

FULL PAPER SUBMISSION

- Times New Roman, 12 pt, 1.5 spacing
- APA / MLA style
- 3000-5000 words (including abstract; excluding references)
- No headers or footers
- Endnotes only, if required

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*“Civilisations speak most profoundly
through their crossings, borrowings,
and entanglements.”*