

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

GENDERED PERSPECTIVES ACROSS LITERATURE, PSYCHOLOGY AND CULTURE

01 October 2025

organized by

Department of English and Psychology



**HONOURING 250 YEARS OF
JANE AUSTEN (1775-2025)**



KEYNOTE SPEAKER

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Concept Note

As we mark the 250th birth anniversary of Jane Austen, one of the earliest and most incisive voices in feminist literature, this national conference seeks to explore the evolving dimensions of gender through literature, psychology, and culture. Austen's novels challenged the societal limitations placed on women in the 18th and 19th centuries, using irony, intelligence, and subtle resistance to question established norms. Her legacy continues to inspire scholars across disciplines, making this an opportune moment to revisit and reinterpret gender through contemporary lenses. This seminar aims to foster multidisciplinary dialogue between the fields of English Literature, Psychology, and Cultural Studies, exploring how gender shapes identity, relationships, expression, and resistance.

The study of psychology plays a crucial role in understanding gender as a complex interplay of biological, cognitive, emotional, and social factors. It helps unravel how gender identity is formed, internalized, and expressed across different life stages and cultural contexts. Through psychological theories and research, we gain insights into how societal norms and stereotypes influence self-concept, behavior, and mental health. Psychology also provides tools to address gender-based disparities, challenge biases, and support inclusive practices in education, therapy, and community life.

Theme

The theme looks at how gender affects the way people think, feel, live and are treated in different areas of life. It gives us a chance to question unfair treatment, rethink old ideas and support equality. The conference will provide a platform to critically explore, reflect and promote futuristic ideas of social relevance with regard to gender.

Sub-themes: A (Jane Austen)	Sub-themes: B (Psychology)	Sub-themes: C (Culture)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Women's Voice and Agency in Jane Austen's Novels• Austen's Legacy• Austen in Adaptation• Friendship, Sisterhood, and Female Solidarity• Social Class, Morality, and Gendered Power• Austen and the Construction of Masculinity• Gender Resistance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Development of Gender Identity• Mental Health and Gender• Gender-based Violence and Trauma• Intersectionality in Gender and Psychological Experience• Gender Differences in Emotional Intelligence and Expression• Gender Role Socialization and its Psychological Impact• Body Image, Self-esteem, and Gendered Social Pressure• Gender and Dysphoria	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Media, Pop Culture, and the Representation of Gender• Changing Gender Norms• Patriarchy and Cultural Power Structures• Cultural Construction of Gender Roles• Gender and the Workplace / Classroom

Call for Papers

Papers are invited in English in online and offline mode.

Format for Papers

Abstract

- It should be 250-300 words, (font: Times New Roman), 12 size font in 1.5 line spacing, 1-inch margin on all sides. It should summarise research findings, methodology and key words. It should include author/s' name, institutional affiliation, email address and phone number. The document should be submitted in MS word format. (.docs, .docx).

Full length paper

- It should be 3000-4000 words. It should be original and not published anywhere. Submissions will be checked for plagiarism and any paper with significant overlap will be rejected.

Important Dates

06
September
2025

Registration &
Abstract Submission Deadline

23
September
2025

Full Paper
Submission

Registration for the Conference

- Interested delegates can participate in the conference registering online only.
The link for registration:
Registration link <https://forms.gle/iYjq2gPYkdkyzQGm6> (Click on the link to directly register.)
- Without online payment of registration fees & uploading the screenshot of the transaction ID, registration will not be confirmed.
- Registration fees can be paid, scanning the QR Code or using UPI
- After the submission of registration form, kindly join the WhatsApp community to get access to the link for abstract submission.

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Only Attendee (UG, PG, Research Scholars & Faculties)	₹ 300/-	₹ 800/-	₹ 500/-
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Paper Presenter (PG & Research Scholars)	₹ 700/-	₹ 1200/-	₹ 800/-
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Rooms for accommodation are available on single/twin sharing basis, for one day and one night. Prices will vary as per the category and duration of stay. Participants must inform us well in advance about the requirements.

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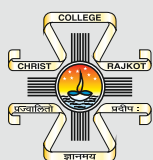


Christ College, Rajkot, established in 1998, is a premier institution of higher education in Saurashtra dedicated to academic excellence, value-based learning, and holistic development. Affiliated with Saurashtra University, the college is recognized for its innovative teaching practices, committed faculty, and vibrant academic culture that fosters both intellectual growth and personal transformation. It offers undergraduate and postgraduate programmes in Arts, Science, Computer Applications, Commerce, and Management, thereby providing students with diverse opportunities for academic and professional advancement. The curriculum is continually enriched through research initiatives, internships, seminars, workshops, and industry collaborations, ensuring that learners acquire both disciplinary expertise and the skills required to address contemporary global challenges. Alongside academic achievement, the college emphasizes character formation, guided by the values of discipline, dedication, and service, and cultivates an environment where critical inquiry is harmonized with ethical responsibility. Its state-of-the-art infrastructure, well-equipped laboratories, modern library, digital resources, and eco-friendly campus create a stimulating atmosphere for creativity and innovation. Beyond the classroom, Christ College promotes holistic growth through cultural festivals, literary and scientific forums, sports, social outreach programmes, and leadership initiatives, while student clubs and departmental associations provide platforms for creativity, collaboration, and community engagement. With its commitment to quality education, ethical values, and social responsibility, Christ College continues to stand as a beacon of learning in the region, shaping competent professionals and responsible citizens prepared to meet the challenges of the future with confidence, knowledge, and compassion.

About Department of English & Psychology, Christ College

"In pursuit of knowledge, insight, and human values."

The Department of English & Psychology, Christ College, Rajkot, is a distinguished academic unit committed to excellence in teaching, research, and holistic education. With its interdisciplinary orientation, the department integrates the study of literature, language, and human behaviour to provide a comprehensive learning experience. The English curriculum encompasses classical, modern, and contemporary literatures along with literary theory and cultural studies, enhancing analytical, interpretative, and communicative competencies while encouraging students to appreciate literature as both aesthetic expression and social reflection. The Psychology curriculum emphasizes a scientific understanding of human behaviour and mental processes, combining theoretical foundations with practical exposure through fieldwork, internships, and applied projects that prepare students for diverse professional contexts in education, health, industry, and social development. Complementing academic learning, the departmental club Creative Zone fosters creativity and cultural engagement through student-led initiatives, thereby enriching campus life and nurturing leadership and collaborative skills. Together, the disciplines of English and Psychology cultivate an environment that values scholarship, critical inquiry, creativity, and social responsibility.



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