

# Department of English



Established in 1969, the Department of English, University of Calicut, has been recognized as a major academic centre for studies in English language and literature in Kerala. While maintaining the best traditions of English teaching and research in India, the department has kept itself up to date with the latest developments in literature, linguistics and associated disciplines, and has introduced new areas of studies to the postgraduate curriculum, keeping with the changing requirements of the times.

A major goal of the department is a fundamental redefining of the role of English and literary studies in the Indian context, through collaborative and interdisciplinary course contents and in addition to streamlining content areas and courses of an established nature, a number of new focus areas have been identified and introduced to ensure contemporary academic relevance, inter-disciplinarity, and better career prospects for the students.

## FACULTY

Dr. Janaky Sreedharan  
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Dr. Umer Thasneem  
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## Patron

Prof. (Dr.) M.K Jayaraj  
Vice Chancellor, University of Calicut

## Important Dates

- Submission of Abstracts : 27 Oct 2023
- Intimation of Acceptance: 29-31 Oct 2023
- Submission of Full Papers: 10 Nov 2023

## Venue

EMS Seminar Complex  
University of Calicut

## Registration Fee

- Students: Rs 250 /-
- Research Scholars: Rs 500/-
- Faculty: Rs 750/-

Scan/Click to register on or before 11 Nov 2023.

Spot registration limited to first 50 participants only.



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## Publication

Selected papers will be published in Calicut  
University Research Journal (CURJ)

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## TWO-DAY INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR

14, 15 November 2023  
Tuesday & Wednesday

*Call for Papers*

## POSTHUMANISM : TOWARDS A U/(DYS)TOPIA ?



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Department of English  
University of Calicut

## POSTHUMANISM : TOWARDS A U/(DYS)TOPIA?

The Department of English , University of Calicut, warmly invites you to the Two-Day International Seminar titled "Posthumanism: Towards a U/(Dys)topia?"

[Hu]"Man", according to Foucault, is "an invention of recent date" and is "perhaps nearing his end." For Stelarc, the posthuman artist, the human body is a "profoundly obsolete" entity. Statements like this emanating from some of the key figures, inform and indicate the contours of contemporary discourses on posthumanism. Probably, there was never a time in the past, that provided so much grist to purveyors of technological salvation and doomsday messengers.

Even espousers of a more ethical and moralistic future pin hopes on genetic engineering and biotechnology, that would help spawn a generation of more humane and less aggressive specimens of the human species. Pessimists, on the other hand, warn of the brood of Frankenstein monsters that technology and bio-engineering might conjointly breed.

We warmly solicit your participation in this seminar and look forward to hearing about your work and ideas.

Papers dealing with new areas and perspectives that move beyond the conventional topics generally discussed in these areas are welcome.

Dr. Sajitha M.A. (Convener)  
Dr. Umer Thasneem (Coordinator)  
Dr. Aparna Ashok, Mr. Obed Ebenezer  
(Joint-Coordinators)

### THRUST AREA

Thrust area will cover a broad spectrum of issues related to technology, medicine, neurology and human rights. Following are some of the topics under which these issues will be tackled.

- Into the Age of Cyborgs and Friendchips: Technology and Posthumanism.
- The Biochemically Enhanced Sapiens: Medicine, Neurology and Posthumanism.
- Is Everything Going to be all Right? Human Rights, Organ Trade and the U/(Dys)topian Future.



## SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Abstracts are invited from academics and researchers in this area.

Kindly send your abstracts (400-600 words) to englishseminaruoc@gmail.com on or before 27 October 2023 .Abstracts will be screened and acceptance will be intimated by 29-31 October 2023.

Kindly ensure that the abstracts contain the following information:

- Title of the Paper
- Name of the Presenter
- Designation
- Contact Details (Email, Mobile or Whatsapp)

Please prepare your papers (3000-5000 words) according to the guidelines of MLA 9th edition. Selected papers will be published in the forthcoming issues of CURJ (CALICUT UNIVERSITY RESEARCH JOURNAL), the Journal of the University of Calicut.

