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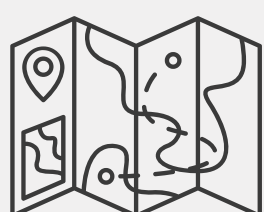
Department of Philosophy

St. Anthony's College, Shillong

On

“Living Ethically in the 21 st Century”

Dates: December 10-11, 2025



Venue: Christ (Deemed to be University),
Central Campus, Bengaluru

Submit an abstract (300-400 words) and a short bio-note with affiliation (150 words) to tattva@christuniversity.in by October 25, 2025.

The concept note and other details are attached.

CONCEPT NOTE

The first quarter of the 21st Century is coming to a close. The first 25 years of this century have thrown multiple challenges to humanity at large on a planetary scale. It can be said that as a collective we have not been able to address these challenges and crises. The natural, economic, political, and social spheres of our lives have been thoroughly disrupted multiple times. Each of these disruptions has only increased in scale to the extent that it is quite difficult to claim that a disruptive event ever remains local. War in one region can affect the entire globe as we have seen recently. A surge in populist nationalism and a majoritarian anti-minorities and anti-migrant politics does inform the polity of several nation-states simultaneously. This is also true for popular politics against authoritarian regimes, which galvanizes the rapid overthrow of deeply entrenched regimes. Technology threatens theatres of war equally as the global political economy. All of this happens as the ecological crisis is deepening and stretching the very limits of our daily lives, irrespective of our geographies and location. Thinkers are conceptualizing our contemporary times as one of polycrisis, alerting us both to the irreducibility of the crisis to any one cause and the entangled nature of our lives and their complexity (Albert 2024).

As deep as the crisis (or polycrisis) is, we also recognize that there are radical and progressive attempts being made by scholars, activists, and practitioners to not only come to terms with and analyze the crisis but also find a way out of this crisis to a more equitable, sustainable and peaceful planet for all species. In other words, they are trying to come up with new ethics of living, knowing, and action. These attempts are also radically transforming ways of knowing the world in the process, given that these are essentially and necessarily not bound by traditional silos of knowledge, either in terms of academic disciplines or established epistemological frameworks. These attempts range from studying struggles against capital and power (Mezzadra and Neilson 2024) to formulating a new conception of postcolonial theory of justice (Chatterjee 2025) to thinking about futures of knowledge and practice (Pink 2025). These studies are just indicative of the emerging scholarship.

This conference is an intervention in the continuing and ongoing debate and discussion on how to think about ethics and justice and how to live based on these principles in our contemporary times. We invite academics, practitioners, and scholars from all disciplines to share their work at the conference. This conference is grounded in this ethics of discussion and disagreement in the spirit of what Gopal Guru and Sundar Sarukkai have called maitri – a relation between multiple socials based on the rationality of being-with rather than knowing-that (Guru and Sarukkai 2019). We are especially interested in conceptual and field-based theoretical reflections on ethics and encourage submissions that report on innovations in ethical practices by communities and collectives. Following is an indicative, but in no way restrictive, sub-themes of the conference:

SUB THEMES

- Philosophical foundations for contemporary ethics
- Ethics and Technology
- Ethics of politics and governance
- Ethics of Resistance
- Ethics of conflict and war
- Ethics and Ecology
- Ethics, information and media
- Ethics, Rights, and Social Justice
- Ethics and Economy

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Important Dates:

- Abstract Submission: [October 25, 2025]
- Notification of acceptance: [October 31, 2025]
- Payment of registration fee: [November 15, 2025]

Registration fee:

- INR 2500 (For Indian Participants)/ USD 75 (For Foreign Participants including Indian scholars affiliated to foreign institutions)
- Please note this is an in-person only conference. The organizers will be unable to provide accommodation or travel. These have to be arranged by the participants.