



College of Vocational Studies, University of Delhi

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Call For Papers!

for

NATIONAL SYMPOSIUM

on the theme

Re-examining the Social Sciences through the Lens of Artificial Intelligence & Information Technology

Innovative Intersections: Charting the Future of Social Inquiry in the Digital Age

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About the Symposium

The rapid ascent of artificial intelligence (AI) and information technology (IT) has fundamentally transformed the way we interact, communicate, learn, and conduct research. As digital landscapes expand and computational tools become increasingly sophisticated, the traditional boundaries of the social sciences are being redrawn. The National Symposium on Re-examining the Social Sciences Through the Lens of Artificial Intelligence & Information Technology is conceived as a pioneering platform for scholars, technologists, policymakers, and students to engage in critical dialogue about the evolving role of digital innovation in social inquiry.

This event aspires to spark new ideas, cultivate interdisciplinary collaborations, and challenge conventional paradigms by exploring how AI and IT can both illuminate and complicate social realities. It is an invitation to reimagine methodologies, redefine ethical frameworks, and rearticulate the social contract in an era of algorithmic influence.

Keynote Speakers & Panelists

The symposium brings together a diverse array of voices from academia, the tech industry, government agencies, and advocacy organisations. Keynote speakers are renowned for their



contributions at the intersection of social sciences and technology. Panel discussions will encourage dialogue across disciplinary lines, and will feature:

- Leading social scientists employing AI in innovative research projects
- Engineers and data scientists working on socially meaningful AI applications
- Ethicists and legal scholars specialising in technology policy
- Representatives from grassroots organisations engaging with digital inclusion

Confirmed speakers:

- Prof. Dinesh Singh, Former Vice Chancellor, University of Delhi
- Prof. Shobha Bagai, Director, Cluster Innovation Centre, University of Delhi
- Prof. Kavi Arya, Department of Computer Science & Engineering, Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay
- Prof. Shakil Ahmad Romshoo, Vice Chancellor, Islamic University of Science and Technology, Jammu & Kashmir
- Prof. Santosh Kumar Rai, Department of History, University of Delhi
- Prof. Jaya Tyagi, Department of History, University of Delhi
- Prof. Seema Bawa, Professor, Department of History, University of Delhi

Objectives of the Symposium

- To explore the transformative potential of AI and IT in social science research and practice.
- To critically examine the ethical, social, and cultural implications of deploying AI technologies in societal contexts.
- To build bridges between the social sciences, computer science, and policy-making communities for holistic and responsible innovation.
- To highlight emerging trends, tools, and methodologies at the intersection of digital technologies and social inquiry.
- To encourage reflexivity and inclusivity in the adoption and evaluation of AI-driven approaches in social science disciplines.

Expected Outcomes and Impact

The symposium endeavours to:

- Generate actionable insights and best practices for integrating AI into social science research and teaching
- Promote responsible innovation and ethical stewardship of digital technologies
- Strengthen networks among researchers, educators, technologists, and policymakers
- Articulate a vision for the future of the social sciences in a digital society

Call to Participation

The National Symposium on Re-examining the Social Sciences Through the Lens of Artificial Intelligence & Information Technology is open to all who are interested in the future of social inquiry. Scholars, practitioners, policy-makers, and students are encouraged to submit papers, participate in discussions, and contribute to a vibrant exchange of ideas.

Join us as we chart new paths, question old assumptions, and collectively shape a visionary agenda for the social sciences in the digital era. This symposium is more than an event: it is a catalyst for transformation, a bridge between disciplines, and a beacon for the possibilities ahead.

Thematic contributions may align with any of the following:

The symposium is structured around a series of keynote lectures, panel discussions, workshops, and poster presentations, each designed to provoke thoughtful engagement with the following central themes:

1. AI and the Evolution of Social Science Methodologies

Artificial intelligence has introduced a new paradigm in data collection, analysis, and interpretation. Machine learning algorithms, natural language processing, and big data analytics are revolutionising how social scientists approach complex problems. This theme explores:

- Innovative research methods enabled by AI and IT
- Automated sentiment analysis, pattern recognition, and predictive modelling in social phenomena
- Challenges and opportunities in integrating computational tools with qualitative inquiry
- The future of mixed methods in the digital age

2. Data, Ethics, and Power: Navigating the New Social Contract

With greater access to data, comes heightened responsibilities. The pervasive reach of digital technologies prompts urgent questions about surveillance, privacy, bias, and accountability. This theme addresses:

- Ethical dilemmas in the era of algorithmic governance
- Issues of representation, fairness, and transparency in AI systems
- Regulatory frameworks for responsible AI use in public and private sectors
- Empowering communities in data-driven societies

3. AI, IT, and Social Inequality

While digital tools can democratise access to information and resources, they can also exacerbate existing disparities. This theme investigates:

- Digital divides in education, health, and employment

- Structural biases embedded in AI algorithms
- The role of social scientists in advocating for equitable technology policies
- Case studies of AI interventions in marginalized communities

4. Reimagining Pedagogy for the 21st Century

As educational environments undergo radical change, integrating AI and IT into curricula is both a necessity and a challenge. Topics include:

- Digital literacy and critical thinking in the age of AI
- New models for collaborative, interdisciplinary teaching and learning
- Harnessing virtual and augmented reality for immersive educational experiences
- Preparing students for the ethical and civic dimensions of digital citizenship

5. Policy, Governance, and the Future of Social Science Institutions

How can policy-makers, academic leaders, and practitioners ensure that the integration of AI and IT into the social sciences promotes public good? This theme calls for:

- Strategic directions for digital transformation in research institutions
- Participatory frameworks for technology governance
- Scenario planning for the future of work, democracy, and civic engagement
- Collaborative partnerships between universities, industry, and civil society

Special Sessions

1. Workshops and Skill-Building Sessions

AI is transforming how we conduct research and deliver education. This workshop aims to bring together Ph.D. scholars and early-career faculty members to explore how AI tools and techniques can support academic research and teaching, especially in resource-constrained and rapidly evolving environments. The event includes hands-on workshops aimed at building digital competencies among social scientists and students. Topics include:

- Fundamentals of machine learning and data analytics for social research
- Designing ethical research protocols in computational social science
- Visualization and storytelling with big data
- Grant writing and funding opportunities at the intersection of AI and social sciences

Submission Guidelines for this segment only:

- Submit an abstract (300 words) and a full paper (up to 4,000 words)
- Format: APA; Times New Roman, 12 pt. single spacing
- Submissions should include: Title, Author(s), Affiliation, Keywords, Abstract

- Submit it here: <https://forms.gle/nDsQ9yWGtwcQQZaC8>

Who Should Submit for this segment?

This workshop is designed for Doctoral Fellows and Early-career faculty (within five years of appointment)

Please note: You have to mention the theme s.no. 14, while submitting for this segment.

2. Poster Sessions and Networking

Emerging scholars and graduate students are invited to present their research in poster sessions, cultivating dialogue and mentorship. Networking opportunities abound, offering attendees the chance to initiate collaborative projects and join professional communities committed to responsible digital innovation.

Submission Guidelines for this segment only:

- Please submit a brief outline of your proposal for the above-mentioned session on the link provided- <https://forms.gle/nDsQ9yWGtwcQQZaC8>

Who Should Submit for this segment?

Tech firms, research and innovation labs, apprenticeship agencies, entrepreneurs, start-ups, publication houses and aligned individuals/associations.

Submission guidelines

Write an abstract of 150 words on any of the 5 themes provided below. Submit it [here](https://forms.gle/nDsQ9yWGtwcQQZaC8) (<https://forms.gle/nDsQ9yWGtwcQQZaC8>) with other relevant details.

- Submissions should include: Title, Author(s), Affiliation, Keywords, Abstract
- Font: Times New Roman, font size: 12.
- All the citations should be furnished in the Works Cited section at the end of the paper in APA format.
- The full paper must be submitted as a MS Word file. (PDF format will not be accepted).
- Before submitting your paper, please ensure that the language used is clear, concise and coherent.

Deadline for Abstract:	25 th July 2025
Intimation of acceptance of submitted abstract:	5 th August 2025
Full Paper:	25 th August 2025
Intimation of acceptance of full paper:	30 th August 2025
Registration Last Date:	5 th September 2025

Registration Fee:

INR 700 for Faculty members
INR 500 for Students and
Research Scholars

We are pleased to announce that accommodations, meals, and transportation will be provided to all scholars whose papers are selected for presentation.

We invite scholars to submit abstracts and conference papers for consideration. Selected submissions will be included in the conference proceedings, with opportunities for publication of abstracts and full papers. Qualified papers, after double blind review, will be considered for publication as an edited volume with Taylor & Francis, London.

VENUE:

**Jacaranda Hall,
India Habitat Centre, New Delhi
8th & 9th October, 2025**

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