

AN INTERNATIONAL WEB-CONFERENCE



# Transnational Modernities: *Perspectives of the Planetary*

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## Concept note of the seminar:

*We have long criticised the universalisation of a particular concept of modernity, European modernity, that grew in a particular spatial context at a particular time as “the modern.” As we move from the politics of universalisation of the particular to a politics of the fractious, we can talk of multiple modernities that challenge Eurocentrism. This conference aims to explore ideas of the modern beyond Euro-American perspectives, to look at other self-fashionings of modernity across planetary spaces that can perhaps include the ecological, the indigenous, and modes of entanglement that will allow for the radical rethinking of what it means to be “modern” on the planet, as well as interrogate the politic of the binarisation of modern/non-modern across heterogeneous/heterotopic nationalities. At the same time, the conference welcomes explorations of transnational thoughts that had been instrumental in shaping and making over European modernity of the twentieth century.*

*Bruno Latour has explored in his book on the anthropology of science how much of modernity is actually a matter of faith that calls forth nothing sort of a reworking of our mental landscape and the constitution of modernity itself. The transnational dimensions to the exigencies of modernity take us beyond any definitive emplotment toward an "enlarged thinking" on transnational/hybrid identities and complex chronometrics, highlighting local, regional and global exchanges in the networks of power, practices and cultures, inscribing anxieties on the questions of subjectivity, voice and self-perception.*

*The free flow of ideas and imaginaries that mark planetary thought and the cuts within, will constitute the core of the conference, as we hope to uncover an inclusive and exciting epistemology of modernity and alternate globality.*

Papers are welcome on (but not limited to) the following topics:

- Indigenous modernities
- The ecological, the non-human and the modern
- Modernity in the Global South
- The planetary modern
- Vegetal / botanical modernities
- Gender, sexuality and many modernities
- Modernity, intersubjective rationality, After-Man
- Science, Faith and Post-human Modernities
- War, violence and crises of modernity

Please send a 300 word abstract of your paper  
by **5th May, 2026** to

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We will inform the selected presenters by **10th May, 2026**.

We intend to publish the seminar proceedings as a book with  
ISBN from a reputed publisher.

**Registration Fee for the Presenters:**

**Faculties: ₹ 900**

**Researchers: ₹ 700**

**Students: ₹ 500**

**General Attendees: ₹ 200**