

AKADEMOS – XVI

Call for Papers

The last few years have witnessed significant proliferation of digital technologies, online platforms and new media materials. From WhatsApp forwards to Twitter trends, from Tiktok stars to YouTube videos - the digital media have entered our everyday lives in diverse ways. For instance, according to a survey by the Statistia Research Department during August, 2020, Smartphone users in India spent on average more than three hours on their phones per day during the COVID – 19 pandemic. Even with the country’s relatively low internet penetration rate, the role played by online platforms in political communication or circulation of entertainment materials is unmissable.

Team Akademos (ISSN 2231-0584) solicits your contribution towards the next issue of Kamala Nehru College’s multidisciplinary peer - reviewed academic journal and this year’s theme is: **“Interrogating Digital Cultures”**. We are interested in receiving both empirical research and theoretical and critical commentaries on the above theme. Submissions may be from any social science or humanities, commerce and science discipline and we welcome interdisciplinary reflections. Papers will be accepted from scholars, researchers, and faculty members from all institutions. The range of enquiry may be philosophical, historical, economic, political, media and cultural studies to understand the increasing mediation of the digital in daily lives, especially in the context of South Asia. The topics for paper submission include, but are not limited to:

- Digital media and everyday life
- Social media, question of community
- Digital divide and the information society
- Trans-local social practices and the spatial reconfigurations in the internet age
- New media and identity
- Politics and public sphere in the time of internet
- Online learning and teaching
- Media ethics , Journalism and ‘News’ creation in the digital era
- Digital commerce
- Privacy, surveillance and cyber-security

- Digital ethnography
- Fake news, extreme speech, online harassment
- Humour, Satire and social media in digital age

The last date for submission of all papers is 15th October

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