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PG DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH

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**INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE
AETHERIA**

**COLONIAL HISTORIOGRAPHY: LANGUAGE, GENDER AND
PERFORMANCE IN EARLY MODERN KERALAM**

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CALL FOR PAPERS

Concept Note

Colonial encounters drastically reshaped the socio-political and cultural landscape of Keralam starting from the 16th century up to the 18th century with lasting cultural repercussions that could be felt even in the centuries that followed. Early modern Keralam transitioned from traditional kinship structures to Victorian-influenced bourgeois norms. Colonial historiography, heavily influenced by missionary documentation, legal interventions, and administrative ethnographies, imposed a European framework that labelled local traditions as uncivilized, necessitating a structural overhaul mediated through language, gender, and performance. The conference aims to explore the ways of representation through media, culture, historic narratives that led to changes in the social fabric of early Modern Keralam.

SUB-THEMES

- Colonial Archives and the Construction of Keralam's History
- Silenced Voices, Memory, and Counter-Histories
- Language, Script, and Power in Colonial Administration
- Multilingualism, Translation, and Cultural Negotiation
- Print Culture and the Politics of Knowledge
- Gender, Social History, and the Construction of Modernity
- Performance, Ritual, and Community Identity
- Trade, Mobility, and Transregional Connections
- Decolonizing Keralam's Historiography
- Digital Humanities and the Preservation of Endangered Archives
- Cultural Exchange and Inter-faith Dialogue
- Pedagogy, Knowledge Systems, and Colonial Legacies
- Reform, Resistance, and the Vernacular Public Sphere
- Film, Media, and Visual Histories of Keralam

PAPERS NEED NOT BE LIMITED TO THE ABOVE MENTIONED THEMES

Submission Guidelines

Abstract 250 words with 4 or 5 keywords

Full Paper- minimum 3000 words

MLA 9th Edition Citation Style

Important dates

Abstract submission – August 31, 2026

Acceptance Notification –September 2, 2026

Full paper submission – September 10, 2026

Submission Mail Id

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Mode of Presentation

Offline/Online/In absentia

Registration Link

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Topic

Writing the History of a Language: Sources, Methods and
a Case Study from Early Modern Keralam



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Topic

From Ritual to Heritage: Performance, Power and the Making of
Kerala's Cultural History

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Category	Participation	Presentation
Students	Rs 150/-	Rs 250/-
Research Scholars	Rs 300/-	Rs 600/-
Faculty	Rs 500/-	Rs 750/-
Others	Rs 250/-	Rs 500/-
In absentia	Rs 1000/-	

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