

INDRAPRASTHA COLLEGE FOR WOMEN
Department of Psychology

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

30th and 31st October, 2017

The Fragmented Self

An Interdisciplinary Exploration into the Notions of *Self* and Identity in Contemporary Life.

CALL FOR PAPERS

Extensive psychological enquiries, anthropological ventures, and philosophical postulations have ascertained that the *Self* is complex, abysmal, and elusive. Attempts to map the uncharted terrain of *Self* have left the scientific community with an unsatisfying piece of knowledge: what is *Self* and ‘not self’. Contemporaneous developments - specifically, technological furtherance and the rise of mass media platforms – have helped in unveiling untouched facades of *Self*.

The Conference will focus on understanding the concept of *Self* as well as its multifaceted and multi-dimensional nature. Various theories spanning many schools of thought within Psychology will thus be critically analysed and scrutinised to understand what constitutes our understanding of *Self*. Further, the Conference will attempt to explore the compartmentalisation of *Self* into ideal versus real, public versus private, and the numerous ‘selves’ that exist within, etcetera. These theories will be examined by superimposing the realities of the contemporary world and juxtaposing them with a traditional understanding of these conceptions. We hope to then understand how the *Self* is evolved and whether the boundaries we claim really do exist.

Papers are invited on the following themes, though not limited to these:

Themes of the Conference

- Perspectives on ‘Self’
 - a. Self-Psychology
 - b. Cultural Knowledge and Understanding
- Exploring Identity
 - a. Identity as Transient?
 - b. Creative Explorations
- ‘Self’ and the Social Media
 - a. Anomy and Concerns of the Young
 - b. Influence of Media on ‘Self’ Understanding

- ‘Self’, Identity and Gender
 - a. Gender Burden
 - b. Epidemiology of Disorders
 - c. Sexual Identity, Roles and Wellbeing
 - d. Exploring and Exploding Binaries
- Stories of Love and Conflict
 - a. ‘Self’ and the Other
 - b. ‘Self’ and Identity in Relationships
 - c. Negotiating Conflict
- Fame, ‘Self’ and Identity
 - a. Adulation: Its Need and Effects
 - b. The “Public” Publicised ‘Self’
 - c. Private Negotiations
- Towards Wellness
 - a. Maximising Access to Mental Health Services
 - b. Integration 'Selves'
 - c. Wellbeing and Growth

The Abstract should include the title of the research paper, author’s(s) full name, author(s) affiliation and contact details. The Abstract text should be justified and typed in 12-point Times New Roman. It must not exceed 300 words. A maximum of 4-6 keywords should also be listed alphabetically, separated by commas and full stop at the end.

Abstracts must be submitted electronically, latest by ~~31st July 2017~~ to the following email address: psychology@ip.du.ac.in **The late date for Abstract submission has been extended to 15th August 2017.**

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