



**Arts and Humanities School**  
Khulna University



A Two-day International Conference on  
**Relevance of Humanities Studies in the Twenty-first Century**  
February 22-23, 2023

**Call for Papers**

The Twenty-first century has introduced a bunch of new concepts that have greatly influenced human life. Apart from the unprecedented Covid-19 pandemic, the widespread importance of science and technology, prioritization of digitization in teaching and learning, immense popularity of technology assisted virtual life, and so on, mark a crucial time we are facing. These have created an upsurge since creative human faculty is being replaced by mechanical and camouflaged alternatives. Scholars in the humanities feel challenged by the 4<sup>th</sup> Industrial Revolution that is the talk of the time, on the one hand, and take it as their responsibility to respond to it properly, on the other. A single overarching principle construed by the time is that man of this century should comply with it. However, one continues to ask what the role of humanities might be, when science, engineering and technology tower over all other disciplines of academia. Will the human civilization exist meaningfully without literature, arts and history? Will the 4<sup>th</sup> Industrial Revolution be functional without contributing to these areas of knowledge? How can we recollect ourselves when things fall apart?

The first ever international conference of the Arts and Humanities School of Khulna University titled “Relevance of Humanities Studies in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century” intends to address such questions. The two-day conference will explore the challenges and demands of 4IR as well as hopes for the future through the study of arts, literature and history. Paper/ panel proposals on (but are not limited to) the following sub-themes are invited:

- Language and Literature: Application and Applicability
- Bangla language and literature: Present Scenario
- Bangladesh in the Current Socio-economic and Politico-cultural Environment
- Civilization and its Global Interfaces
- 4IR and the Relevance of Literature
- Independence of Bangladesh in the Context of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century
- English Language, Literature and the Global Scenario
- Values, Ethics and Good Governance
- Migration, Diaspora, and Transculture
- History as a Discipline in the 21st Century

- Digital Humanities and New Media
- Pandemic, Environmental Disaster and Literature
- Ethnicity and Minority in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century
- Theories and Practices of ELT: Changes and Challenges
- Changes in Social and Socio-economic/ Cultural Structures

An abstract/ panel proposal in English and not more than 200 words is due by 30 October 2022. For Bangla papers, the abstract should be sent in both Bangla and English. Selected papers will be published in a special volume of the *Journal of Arts and Humanities*, Khulna University. Full papers (following Chicago writing style) must be submitted by 15 December, 2022.

**\*The deadline for interested researchers to send an abstract (abstract/panel proposal) of not more than 200 words has been extended to 15 November 2022.**

All submissions are to be sent to: [ahsint.conference2023@gmail.com](mailto:ahsint.conference2023@gmail.com)

**Registration Fees:**

Paper/panel presenters: 3000/-

**Participants:**

Faculty (full time/ part-time): 2000/-

Students: 1000/-

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