



WORLD ANTHROPOLOGY CONGRESS 2023

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Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences, Bhubaneswar, Odisha, India

Theme

**Anthropology in Public Sphere:
Global Peace and Development**

First Announcement

Inviting Expression of Interest



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PROLOGUE



Woman from Bonda Tribe

The World Anthropology Congress 2023 (WAC 2023) is being organized in India by the Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS), Bhubaneswar, Odisha, as per the mandate of the IUAES General Assembly during the World Congress held at Florianópolis, Brazil in 2018. It is being held in India 45 years after the first one held at Delhi in 1978 under the Presidentship of Prof. L. P Vidyarthi. The WAC 2023 is jointly organized with the United Indian Anthropology Forum (IUAF) and its institutional associates of different Indian anthropological organisations and will be held at KISS, from 15 to 19 January 2023.

- *The Department of Anthropology of the University of Delhi will hold a three-day Official Pre-Congress between 11 and 13 January, 2023*
- *The Department of Anthropology of the Utkal University will hold a two-day Official Post-Congress on 20 and 21 January, 2023*
- *The Department of Anthropology of the Sambalpur University will hold a two-day Official Post-Congress on 23 and 24, 2023*

Over 5000 delegates from across the world are expected to participate in this mega academic event and deliberate on the anthropological perspectives and understanding of contemporary concerns and issues that pose unprecedented challenges to human security

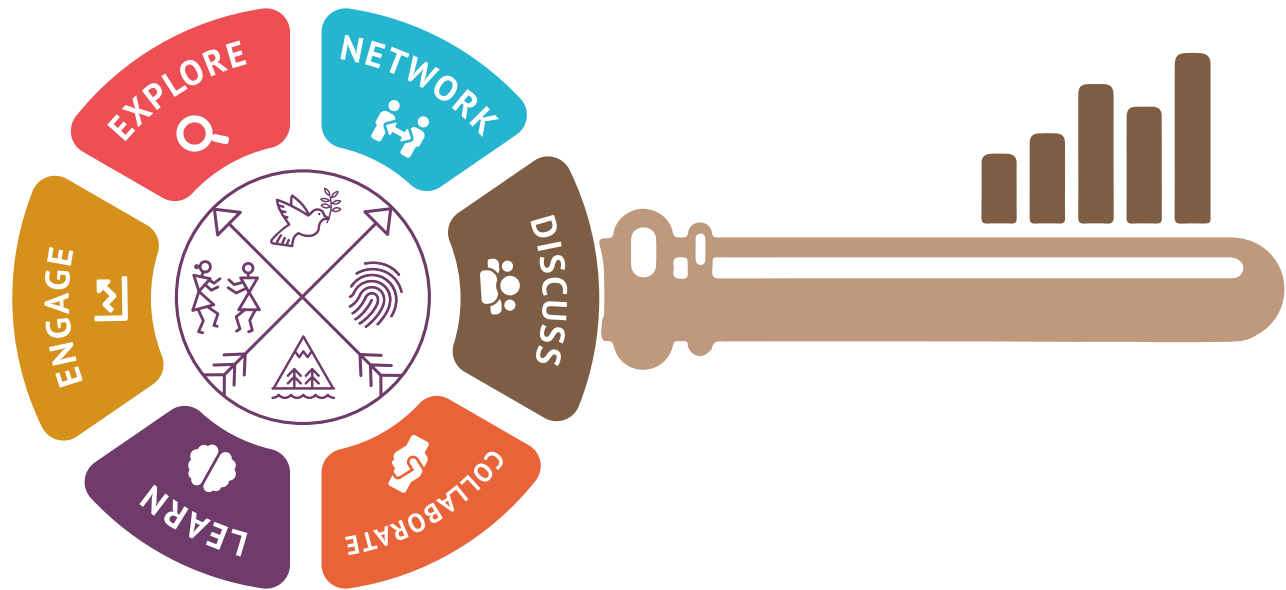
and well-being. The event will unravel and showcase the united strength and academic accomplishments of anthropologists against the backdrop of rich Indian heritage before global academia.

The basic objectives of the 2023 World Anthropology Congress (WAC 2023) are:

1. To bring anthropologically oriented and trained national and international scholars upon a single platform to deliberate contemporarily significant issues. Anthropologists across academic and applied, traditional and emerging sub-fields of anthropology, including social, cultural, biological, archaeological and linguistic as well as ecological, demographic, medical, museological, and digital domains, all of which stand complementing an integrated perspective to promote dialogue and debate.
2. To examine contemporary challenges, altering perspectives and emerging new-normals in the context of contesting realities, conflicting situations, and ecological hardships arising from human misplaced interventions and developmental orientations.
3. To infuse the spirit of the Anthropological vision into the basic ethical framework, reinvent the relevance of anthropology in the public sphere, and prepare a vision statement for achieving global peace and sustainable development amidst these rapidly changing times.

Participation in the Congress will transcend involvement in academic deliberations to embrace a wide range of engagements making the mega event a unique experience for every participant. Every delegate of the WAC 2023 can be assured of exceptional hospitality at KISS in accordance with the Indian philosophy of 'Atithi Devo Bhava' meaning 'Guest is considered equivalent to God'.

Unlocking the Congress



- Plenary Sessions
- Plenary Debates
- Commissioned Panels and Panel Discussions
- Round Table Deliberations
- Meet Nobel Laureates/Eminent Anthropologists
- Presentations and Pitches and Poster Sessions
- Collaborative Projects
- Ethnographic Film Screenings and Documentaries
- Digital Galleria
- Exhibitions and Demos
- The extravaganza of Tribal, Folk and Classical Music and Dance Programmes
- Multi-Circuit Guided Tours (such as Museums, Archaeological Sites, Beaches, and Heritage Habitats in villages, towns and cities)

Congress Theme and the Concept Note



“Anthropology in Public Sphere: Global Peace and Development”

This theme was chosen in the context of global developments in recent times, with the world circumventing numerous natural disasters and issues of climate change adding to increased social inequalities, ethnic violence, religious militancy, and civil strife, with peace and tranquility evading human experience. Today, as humanity is gripped under the effect of the COVID pandemic, and everyday life has become increasingly uncertain, achieving universal health, and ensuring sustainable livelihood and human security has become the greatest concerns of the day. It can only be logical to think that the COVID 19 pandemic is a wake-up call to the destructive anthropogenic interventions and lopsided development priorities that have contributed to ecological imbalance and the subsequent disorders that are engulfing human lives. Humanity must awaken to these multiple challenges caused by self-imposed peril, and save itself from this predicament, by redefining its development priorities, reinventing its engagements with people, dismantling the cross-cultural, trans-national marginalities and

dysfunctionalities, and charting newer trajectories of peace and global development.

Significant events of the present era demonstrate that Anthropology has established a new grip in the public sphere – enabling the most novel forms of communication to reach beyond academic circles and distribute its knowledge widely and freely. Considering the vital role that the anthropological community can play in lending a powerful voice to non-hegemonic and marginalized cultural perspectives on a sustainable approach to Global Peace and Development, the WAC 2023 intends to analyze and interrogate the existing hierarchies and marginalities, particularly regarding their existence in times of contemporary crises. The Congress also seeks to understand the role of anthropological perspectives and methodology in bridging global disparities and inequalities so that, together, while we build a more sustainable, peaceful, and inclusive road to development, while simultaneously celebrating the power of anthropology to foster a more compassionate and peaceful world.

Thematic Domains

Anthropology, as a scientific discipline, must be continuously engaged to discern and dissect the functioning of an ever-changing society and the challenging conditions of human existence vis-à-vis the changing eco-system of which we are part. The thematic tracks provide adequate space to identify

the specific areas under each, to contextually locate them and to subject them to further discussion, to gain anthropological insights as guidelines for continuous engagement with human society for the present and the future.

The Thematic Domains encompass the major areas of anthropological thought as listed below:

1. Approaches, Methods, and Methodologies (AMM)
2. Basic fields, Concepts, and Theories (BCT)
3. Bio-constitution, Genomics, and Forensics (BGF)
4. Communities, Peoples and Cultures (CPC)
5. Demography, Cultural Institutions, and Realms (DCR)
6. Deviance, Disputes, and Resolutions (DDR)
7. Diaspora, Multiculturalism, and Identities (DMI)
8. Ecology, Adaptation, and Evolution (EAE)
9. Equity, Human rights and Social Justice (EHS)
10. Food security, Growth, and Nutrition (FGN)
11. Health, Happiness, and Well-being (HHW)
12. Historicity, Museum, and Artefacts (HMA)
13. Indigeneity, Cultural rights, and Heritages (ICH)
14. Media, Digitalism and Artificial Intelligence (MDA)
15. Performing arts, Sports, and Tourism (PST)
16. Participation, Development, and Human Security (PDH)
17. Post-modernism, Globalism and Corporatism (PGC)
18. Open Thematic Domain (OTD)

The Open Thematic Domain includes areas of anthropological engagement that have not been realized within the listed Thematic Domains.

Official Pre-Congress

Venue: Department of Anthropology, University of Delhi

Theme: Anthropology of Uncertain Times: Rising Vulnerabilities and Existential Challenges

Dates: January 11 - 13, 2023

Official Post-Congress 1

Venue: Department of Anthropology, Utkal University

Theme: Traditional Knowledge System, Ethnomedicine and Healing Practices of Indigenous Communities

Dates: January 20 - 21, 2023

Official Post-Congress 2

Venue: Department of Anthropology, Sambalpur University

Theme: Social Sustainability: Culture, Gender and Migration

Dates: January 23 - 24, 2023

Note: There will be Associated Pre and Post Congresses, that would be organized by Institutional Associates of the UIAF and by different Departments of Anthropology of different Universities, in different regions across India, during the months of January and February 2023, the details of which would be announced later

Expression of Interest (EOI) for Participation in WAC 2023



An Expression of Interest is invited from national and international scholars for participation in the WAC 2023. Participation will entail submissions of papers/posters/organising of panels/screenings of documentaries or films as well as the contribution of books for exhibition, besides several other avenues deemed fit. You may also express your interest if you would like to be an international volunteer and highlight the domain and nature of volunteering. Such interest may be expressed on or before 31 July 2021 by clicking the link wac.kiss.ac.in, as it would attract special concession in the registration fee for the Congress.

Please visit <https://conference.mha.gov.in/FAQ.aspx> to know more about obtaining NOC/Clearance from MHA for Organizing International Events/Conferences

The Organisers and Collaborators of WAC 2023



Aerial View of KISS



Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS) is the organiser and venue of the WAC 2023.

It is a residential institution for indigenous children, wherein 30,000 students are given free

education, accommodation, medical care, vocational, athletic, and artistic training. Over 30,000 youth are now empowered alumni. KISS is home to children from 62 different tribal groups within the region, of which 13 are Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs).

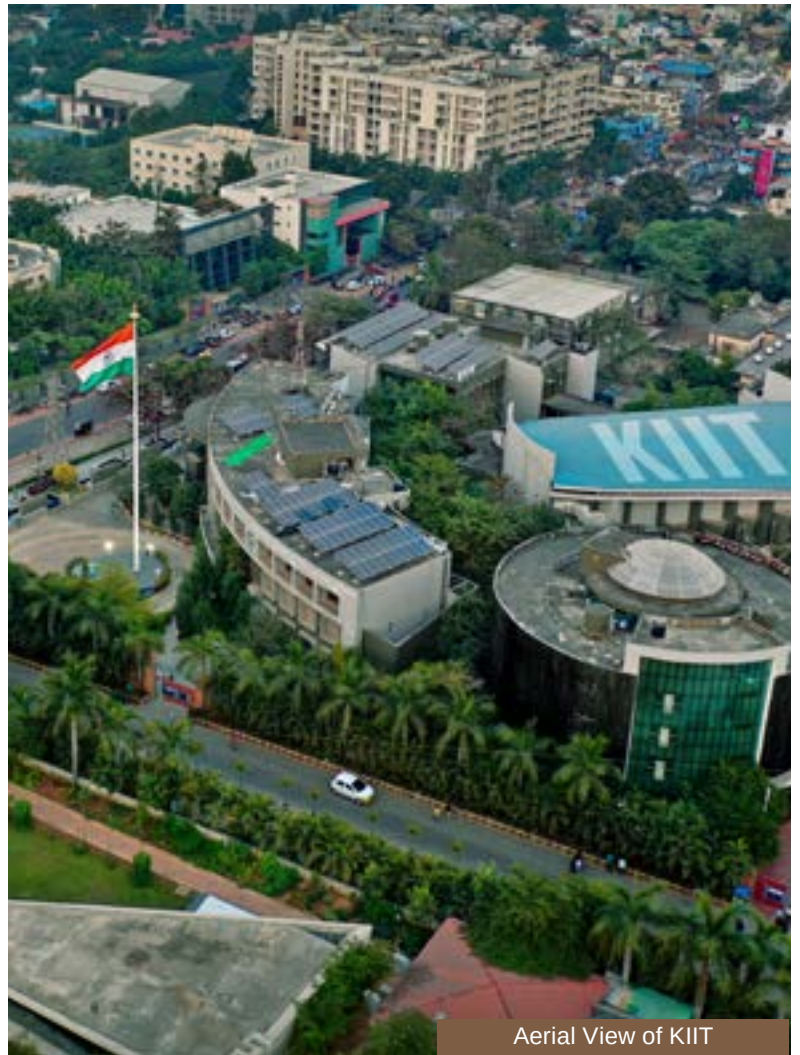
The KISS has been elevated to the status of the Deemed to be University under the leadership of Dr. Achyuta Samanta, becoming a holistic model for empowerment of tribal children. With the state-of-the-art infrastructure and world-class facilities, KISS enjoys support from the anthropology fraternity in India and abroad, besides the patronage of the Government of India and support of the Government of Odisha.

(For further details: kiss.ac.in)



Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology (KIIT), is a sister institute of KISS founded in 1992-93. It is one of the leading universities in India renowned for the quality of teaching and research. It has grown to become one of the premier educational hubs in India.

(For further details: kiit.ac.in)



Aerial View of KIIT



Source: anthropologyindiaforum.org



United Indian Anthropology Forum

(UJAF) is a registered organization providing a unique platform for the Anthropology fraternity, engaged in teaching, research, and applied

areas, across different specializations. It encourages a healthy exchange of views and ideas, consolidation of knowledge, exposure to new horizons of research and training, and above all, to become engaged with a missionary zeal and commitment to revitalizing Anthropological endeavor.

(For further details: www.anthropologyindiaforum.org)

Bhubaneswar - Capital City of Odisha



Mukteshvara Temple Bhubaneswar



Bhubaneswar - Birds Eye View

The culturally rich capital of Odisha Bhubaneswar was established in 1948 but its history can be traced to the 3rd century BCE and even earlier. It is a confluence of Hindu, Buddhist, and Jain religious ideologies. Its heritage boasts of some of the finest Kalingan temple architectural and infrastructural splendor, besides the lush verdant canopy of its forests. It is the anthropologists' paradise visually, culturally, and academically.

Important dates

- Expression of Interest: [Upto July 2021](#)
- Early Bird Registration: [Start on 1 December 2021](#)
- Call for Panels: [1 January 2022](#)
- Registration begins: [1 February 2022](#)
- Closing for Panels: [31 May 2022](#)
- Closing Date for Papers: [30 June 2022](#)



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