

## **Print Modernities: An International Conference**

30, 31 August & 1 September, 2018, Thrissur, Kerala, India.

The advent of print technology is regarded as a crucial cusp in the inception of sociopolitical and cultural modernities in the context of the decline of feudalism and the emergence of industrialized, capitalist and democratic social systems. Print culture is envisaged as a metaphor of transition in the era of scientific excogitations, egalitarian notions of knowledge and liberalist dimensions of individuality. Evolution of print and the subsequent transmissions of knowledge, plethora of communication systems, circulation of ideas and preservation of data are considered as the hallmarks of modernity.

The emergence of print culture brought forth drastic transformations in the realms of literature, art, religion, administration, science, education, culture, modes of communication, and technology. The most significant aspect of print modernities is its radical thrust on visuality and practices of seeing which initiated multidimensional transference of knowledge across boundaries. Print technology exerted two opposite forces on the world; inflating it along with the expanding knowledge, ideas and visions and simultaneously contracting it by obliterating distances and binding people together.

C-PRACSIS will be organizing an international conference reflecting on the pertinent questions related to the advent of print and the evolution of modernities by incorporating multiple disciplines, approaches, methods, locations and positions. We invite papers and panels from scholars, researchers and students of Art, Literature, Humanities, Sciences and Social Sciences for the forthcoming International Conference on 'Print Modernities' on 30, 31 August and 1 September, 2018 at Thrissur, Kerala, India. Eminent scholars and luminaries in the relevant areas will take part as Keynote/Plenary speakers. Individual Papers and Panels based on research on any topic related to the following areas.

<b>Evolution of printing press</b>	Print and Literature	Image Printing
Movable Types	Birth of new genres of literature	Advertising
Foundry and Metal Types	Working class and Literature	Photography and Photo printing
Incunabula	Readership	Illustration and Graphics
Johannes Gutenberg	Modernisms and Literatures	printing
Emergence of Book	Post Colonial Literatures	Colour Printing
Printing of Bible	Marginalized Literatures	Authors and Printing
Literary Cultures and Print	History of Print	Authority and Royalty
Beginning of Printing in India	Renaissance	New literary genres
Missionaries	Enlightenment and print	The new reading Public
Proselytisation	The Art of Book Making	Royalty and authorship
Doctrina Christa	Almanacs	Market and the book
Vernacular Typography	Annals	Printing for the market
Letter press in India	Encyclopedias	Print and Power
Lithography in India	Anthologies	Newspaper industry
Scriptures and Ecclesiastic	Literary Canon and Printing	Information Society
Texts	Libraries and Cataloguing	Digital Printing
The Bible	Preservation of Printed	Weblogs
Print and Transmission of	Materials	The Art of Printmaking
Knowledge	Microfilms and Digitization	Visual Arts and Printing
Lexicon and Grammar	Print Cultures in India	Print making technologies
Secular Press and Print	19 Cen. education	Shaping of visual sensibility
Printing in Regional Languages	New literatures	William Blake and the Art of
Literature in Regional	Missionaries	Print
Languages	Politics and Print	

All proposals are subject to a peer review process and selected conference papers will be published in the forthcoming volume of the Critical Approaches Series, *Print Modernities* (ISBN 978-81-928135-0-9). Email abstracts, phone and contact details, designation and short bio to print@cpracsis.org & cpracsis@gmail.com, Phone: 9605230003. The last date of submitting abstracts: July 31,2018

## Further details are available at cpracsis.org

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