



PRECARIOUS LIVES, VULNERABILITY
AND VIOLENCE IN INDIAN
PUBLIC SPHERE

16-17 MARCH, 2023

Two-Day International Conference

Organized by:

School of Languages and Literature

Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University

Katra-182320, UT of J&K

CONCEPT NOTE

Organized by Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University (Katra, India), the two-day International conference on 16-17 March 2023 aims to engage literary scholars and experts across disciplines in a fruitful exchange of debates, ideas and best practices to understand the concept of precarity and its presence across public spheres in the neoliberal developmentalist regimes of the globalized world.

Often employed to understand the alterations in the labour dynamics across the world, associated with the neoliberal turn, the term precarity has been incorporated in a wide range of subjects and matters such as the meteoric rise in the number of forcibly displaced persons across the globe in the recent decades. Thus, the notion of Precarity has evolved as a very open and problematic concept.

Judith Butler first introduced the concept of precarity in *Precarious Lives: The Powers of Mourning and Violence* (2004) and defined it as a “politically induced condition in which certain populations suffer from failing social and economic networks of support and become differentially exposed to injury, violence, and death”.

The conference will attempt to establish critical frameworks of precarity and trigger its discussions in the public sphere as manifested in everyday realities. It also attempts to understand the ongoing social transformations and how life has become increasingly uncertain due to neoliberal rationalities.

By inviting scholars and experts across diverse fields and disciplines, and by analyzing our precarious world through different critical lenses, and multiple frameworks and methodological approaches, ‘Precarity and Public Sphere’ seeks to explore the numerous forms of precarity in different public spheres while providing insights into the possible challenges that lie ahead in the rapidly transforming neoliberal world.

Contributions should address the following issues, but not limited to:

- Precarity and neoliberalism
- Precarity and Public Sphere
- Precarity and Gender
- Migration and Precarity
- Vulnerabilities and Precarities
- Labour and Marginality
- Biopolitics
- Violence

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES:

We invite abstract submissions from faculty members and scholars belonging to various disciplines and backgrounds. An abstract of around 300 words and a bio note with contact details may be sent to smvdusollppe@gmail.com by March 3, 2023.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Abstract Submission Deadline: March 1, 2023

Notification of Acceptance/Rejection: March 3, 2023

Registration: March 6, 2023

FEE FOR PARTICIPANTS:

With boarding and lodging: 2000

Without boarding and lodging: 1000

SEND NEFT:

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THE LINK WILL BE SHARED AFTER THE NOTIFICATION OF ACCEPTANCE

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