

**FESTIVAL OF INTEGRAL ECOLOGY**  
Conference on  
**LANGUAGE, ECOLOGY, AND CULTURE**  
*Call For Papers*



**30TH SEPTEMBER TO 1ST OCTOBER 2024**

We are pleased to announce the 1st Conference on Language, Ecology, and Culture (CLEC), to be held on 30th September and 1st October 2024, at the North Eastern Institute of Language and Culture (NEILAC), Guwahati, Assam, India, in collaboration with the Laudato Si' Research Institute (LSRI), Campion Hall, University of Oxford, and the North Eastern Social Research Centre (NESRC), Guwahati. This event is a part of the Festival of Integral Ecology led by the LSRI.

The Conference aims to bring together students, scholars, and researchers from diverse disciplines to explore the intricate relationship between language, ecology, and culture. The conference will delve into various aspects of this vital relationship and the significance of language in nurturing the intricate bonds among humans, non-human entities, and the environment, with a special focus on the indigenous languages, cultures, and ecology of North East India.

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## CONFERENCE THEMES

- **Biocultural Diversity:** The link between linguistic, cultural, and biological diversity.
- **Preservation of Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK):** Initiatives within indigenous communities to safeguard and promote TEK through language preservation.
- **Eco-spirituality, Indigenous Religion, and Language:** Interconnectedness between indigenous spiritual beliefs, cultural practices, and languages.
- **Communication between Humans and Non-human Ecological Entities:** The role of language in mediating communication between humans and various elements of the natural world.
- **Human-animal Relationship Mediated through Language:** The role of language in shaping human understanding of and communication with animals.
- **Language Documentation and Ecology:** Language documentation and conservation of cultural and environmental heritage.
- **Ecological Resilience:** The role of language and culture in building resilience within indigenous communities in the face of ecological challenges.
- **Linguistic Landscapes:** Linguistic diversity in relation to ecological diversity in indigenous territories.
- **Language, Ecology, Culture and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs):** Conservation of indigenous languages, cultures, and ecosystems for a sustainable future.
- **Language as a Tool for Environmental Advocacy:** Harnessing the power of indigenous languages to advocate for environmental conservation and indigenous rights.
- **Community-Based Approaches:** Community-led initiatives (CLIs) that integrate language revitalization, cultural preservation, and ecological stewardship.
- **Education and Empowerment:** Indigenous language-based Education for promoting ecological harmony and sustainability.
- **Collaborative Partnerships:** Collaboration between indigenous communities, researchers, and policymakers to address linguistics, cultural, and ecological challenges.
- **Technology and Innovation:** Technological advances in integrating linguistic, ecological, and cultural preservation.

*Apart from the above themes, additional topics relevant to the conference are welcome.*

## SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

We will be using the Microsoft Conference Management Toolkit (CMT) for abstract submission and processing. You will need to create a CMT account (preferably using your institutional email). Please anonymize your submissions.

Please submit abstracts of up to 500 words, excluding references. Include 3-5 keywords highlighting the main themes or topics of your research. Clearly state how your work aligns with the conference themes. Adhere to the specified formatting guidelines as mentioned below.

- Document Format: PDF
- Font and Size: Times New Roman, 12 points.
- Title: Include the title at the top of the page.
- Author information: Do not include author information in your abstract; provide relevant details when prompted by CMT.
- Spacing: Use 1.5 spacing throughout the document.
- Graphics or Tables: Include relevant graphics or tables. Ensure they are clearly labelled and referenced in the text.
- File Naming: Save the document as follows: EcoConf\_First three words of your abstract title (Eg: EcoConf\_HumanAnimalCommunication)
- Please indicate your preference for an oral or poster presentation when prompted by CMT.
- All inquiries about the conference should be sent to [iclec@neilac.org.in](mailto:iclec@neilac.org.in)

[ABSTRACT SUBMISSION LINK](#)

### IMPORTANT DATES

Abstract Submission Deadline	<b>10th June, 2024</b>
Notification of acceptance (by email)	<b>25th July, 2024</b>
Registration Opens	<b>20th August, 2024</b>
Late Registration	<b>1-15 September 2024 (If seats are available)</b>

### REGISTRATION FEE

Early Registration	<b>INR 1500</b>
Late Registration	<b>INR 1750</b>

The registration fees cover the following:  
1) Conference Kit.  
2) Refreshments and lunch during the conference.

**Conference Mode:** The conference will be held in hybrid mode. Presentations will be live-streamed. All presentations from Indian presenters will be in person. International presenters may opt for online presentations if unable to travel.

**Travel and Accommodation:** Limited, partially subsidized accommodation will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. For travel within India, partial travel allowances will be available for those lacking institutional support. Details will be provided during registration.



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