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School of Arts,
Humanities and
Social Sciences

2-DAY INTERNATIONAL CONCLAVE

DIGITALISATION, EMPOWERMENT AND DISRUPTION: RETHINKING HUMAN AND SOCIETAL FUTURES

Chanakya University Global Campus
Bengaluru, India

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About Chanakya University

Chanakya University, located in Bengaluru, is an innovative global higher education institution established in 2022. The university's mission is to serve society by providing outstanding education, fostering knowledge development, and making direct contributions to practical fields.

Chanakya University aspires to be India's foremost for-purpose university, on a steadfast mission, in pursuit of expanding frontiers of knowledge, nurturing world-class scholarship and advancing high-impact research.

We are committed to the creation of a foremost knowledge movement in which students rise higher with ideas and achieve sustained success with abundant wisdom (jñāna), indomitable will (ichhā) and meaningful action (kriyā).



jñāna



ichhā



kriyā

About School of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences

School of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences is a hub of knowledge and expertise in Human Sciences. The School offers undergraduate/ postgraduate majors in Psychology, Economics, Political Science, and International Relations with a substantial component of Indian Knowledge traditions. The School also promotes innovative methods in Teaching and Research, combining theoretical knowledge with experiential learning, skill development, and industrial training.

Vision

Learning from the complex pasts of societies and communities to shape a better future for everyone.

Mission

We cultivate scholars with transdisciplinary training in the humanities and social sciences who can function as thought leaders across sectors.

Programmes

UG

- B.A. (Hons.) Political Science and International Relations
- B.A. (Hons.) Economics
- B.Sc. (Hons.) Psychology
- CSEP (Civil Services Examination Preparation) Training Programme

PG

- M.A./M.Sc. Economics
- M.Sc. Psychology/ M.Sc. Psychology with specialization in Counseling Psychology
- M.A. Sanskrit Studies
- Master of Social Work (MSW)
- Post Graduate Diploma in Social Sciences (CFSS)



About Conclave

Digitalisation has become the defining condition of contemporary life. It mediates how citizens participate in democracy, how individuals understand themselves and relate to others, and how economies generate and distribute value. Rarely has human history witnessed transformations that touch so many domains of life simultaneously and at such speed.

The dominant narrative around digitalisation is twofold: empowerment and the need for recalibration. Empowerment implies greater access to information, new avenues for political voice, expanded economic opportunity, and unprecedented connectivity between people and institutions. Yet alongside this narrative runs a quieter, more demanding one, the reality that established democratic institutions, labour markets, human relationships, and psychological well-being are all being unsettled in ways not yet fully understood, and must be recalibrated to keep pace. What makes this moment distinctive is that empowerment and the need for recalibration are rarely separable processes; they move together, often through the very same technology, reaching the very same people, at the very same time. The same platforms that promise voice can deepen surveillance; the same tools that promise connection can produce isolation; the same markets that promise inclusion can quietly erect new barriers in place of old ones.

This tension is not incidental; it is the central problem this conclave sets out to examine: Under what conditions does digitalisation empower individuals, institutions, and societies, and under what conditions does it demand a fundamental recalibration of governance, behaviour, and economic life, so that it does not merely reproduce or intensify the very inequalities and vulnerabilities it claims to resolve?

Answering this requires tracing the same strain across governance, human behaviour, and economic life, which is precisely what the conclave's three pillars are organised to do.



Thematic Pillars

The conclave is organised around three essential themes:

Pillar I — Digital Democracy and Governance

This pillar invites papers examining how digital technologies are reshaping the practice and institutions of democracy, from e-governance and policymaking to the platforms that mediate political voice and civic participation. We welcome work that interrogates when these tools genuinely empower citizens and institutions, and when they instead demand a recalibration of oversight, accountability, and trust.

Pillar II — Human Behaviour, Social Change and Well-Being in the Digital Age

This pillar seeks papers exploring how digitalisation is reshaping identity, relationships, and psychological well-being, from the promise of connectivity and digital literacy to the quieter costs of screen time, isolation, and shifting family and community structures. Contributions are encouraged that examine how individuals and communities are recalibrating their behaviours, values, and support systems in response to an increasingly digital everyday life.

Pillar III — Digitalisation, Resource Redistribution and Development

This pillar calls for papers on how digital transformation is redistributing economic opportunity and risk, through fintech and financial inclusion, the gig economy, sectoral adjustment, trade, automation, and the uneven reach of digital infrastructure. We are particularly interested in work that asks whether these shifts are closing longstanding gaps or opening new ones, and what recalibration of policy and institutions might be needed to ensure equitable development.



Important Dates

Milestone	Date
Submission of Extended (Structured) Abstract (1000 words) (Papers & Posters)	20 October 2026
Notification of Acceptance of Abstract (Round 1)	31 October 2026
Full Paper / Poster Soft Copy Submission	31 December 2026
Notification of Final Acceptance (Round 2)	10 January 2027
Final Registration Deadline	20 January 2027
Conclave Dates	11-12 February 2027

Eligibility:

Poster Presentation: UG and PG Students

Paper Presentation: Faculty Members/Independent Scholars/Research Scholars/PG Students

Submission Guidelines for Extended Abstract: Round 1

- Submit a structured (extended) abstract of 1000 words, describing the research problem, method, and proposed findings/argument.
- The use of AI should be limited to language improvement and grammar. Generating text or citing literature directly is not encouraged.
- Selected papers may be considered for publication in a special issue of SCOPUS-indexed journal/reputed international book, subject to peer review.
- Each accepted paper/poster will be allotted a 20-minute presentation slot, followed by Q&A.
- Best Paper/Poster Awards

Guidelines for Poster Presentations

Open to MA and BA students.

- Submit a structured (extended) abstract of 1000 words, describing the research problem, method, and key findings/argument.
- Final posters should be prepared in A1 size, portrait orientation.
- Selected students will present and discuss their posters during the dedicated poster sessions.
- Best poster(s) may be recognised with a certificate of excellence.

Guidelines for Full Paper Submission (Final Round)

Open to PG Students, Research Scholars, Independent Scholars and Faculty Members.

- The main manuscript must include a Title Page with Author Affiliation, Abstract of no more than 300 words, acknowledgements, a conflict of interest statement, a data availability statement, and an AI use statement, describing the research problem, method, and key findings/argument.
- The use of AI should be limited to language improvement and grammar. Generating text or citing literature directly is not encouraged.
- Full papers should be 4,000–6,000 words, following APA (7th edition) referencing style.

For Abstract Submission

Scan the QR Code / or use the link
<https://tinyurl.com/mwasdu68>



Logistics

- Travel (both sides) and Accommodation will be provided only to shortlisted participants for the Final Round.
- In case of more than one author, only one author will be provided with travel and accommodation. Other authors may avail the facility on a payment basis.

Registration Fee

(Covers Conference kit, Food during the conference, Accommodation)

UG/PG Students (Poster Presenters / Delegates)	₹ 800
PG Student/ PhD Scholars/Independent Scholars (Paper Presenters)	₹ 1,500
Faculty Members (Assistant Professor and above) (Paper Presenters / Delegates)	₹ 4,000

Suggestive Journals/Books for Publication

1. Special Issue in a SCOPUS-indexed journal
2. Reputed International Book Publication (Routledge/Springer/Emerald/SAGE)

Keynote Speaker



Prof. Sugata Marjit

(Mahalanobis Gold Medal; AL Nagar Fellow)

Director, School for Training in Analytical Research in Economics, Business and Society

Biography

Prof. Sugata Marjit is one of India's most distinguished economists and academic leaders, known globally for his contributions to international economics, development economics, and public policy. He completed his undergraduate studies at Presidency College and topped Calcutta University before earning his Ph.D. from the University of Rochester under the supervision of Ronald Jones. He has served as the first Distinguished Professor

at the Indian Institute of Foreign Trade and held key leadership positions including Vice Chancellor of Calcutta University, Director of the Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, Calcutta (CSSSC), and Chairman of the West Bengal State Council of Higher Education.

Prof. Marjit has taught and delivered lectures at nearly 50 prestigious universities and institutions worldwide, including Columbia University, Cornell University, the University of Amsterdam, the University of Tokyo, and Queen Mary University of London.

Prof. Marjit is also a professional North Indian Classical Vocalist and has performed in major concerts all around the globe, including at the famous Sankat Mochan Sangeet Samaroha at Varanasi, the oldest Hindustani Classical Music Festival in India at the India International Centre on the occasion of India's 50th year of India's independence invited by the Rajyasabha upper house of Parliament, at the Nehru Centre London, National Centre for Performing Arts in Mumbai, on invitation from the Indian High Commissioner in New York and hundreds of concerts worldwide.

Keynote Speaker



Prof. Manas K Mandal

Distinguished Visiting Professor

Rekhi Center of Excellence, IIT-Kharagpur

Biography

Prof. Manas Kumar Mandal's research contribution to the field of psychological science spanned over 35 years with primary focus on affect processing in the brain, in general, and in schizophrenia, in particular. His doctoral work on affect (emotion) processing in schizophrenia has been an original work that paved the way for the formulation many research hypotheses later. Dr. Mandal continued his endeavour in later part of his research in uncovering the role of cerebral hemispheres in emotion

processing. The input about cerebral lateralization was drawn from his earlier work in which he proposed that the right hemisphere activity that regulates emotion processing may be intact in schizophrenia. While at the Indian Institute of Technology – Kharagpur, Dr. Mandal pursued the domain of behavioural neuroscience in normal human behavior, in which he explored the difficulties faced by the left and mixed (clumsy) handers in the society. His researches let us know what percentage of the left handers are found in India, what makes a left hander switch handedness pattern, why the left handers are more prone to accidents than the right handers, etc. As the Director of Defense Institute of Psychological Research (DRDO), Dr. Mandal engaged himself in a large number of activities towards the human performance development of the community of armed / paramilitary forces (National Security Guards, CRPF, etc.). Noteworthy, amongst these include (a) getting the best cadet for the armed / paramilitary forces through scientifically developed selection system, (b) analyzing critical behavior like mob hysteria or terrorism, (c) imparting mass counseling for man-made and natural disasters, (d) reducing the incidence of self-defeating behaviours in soldiers like suicide and fratricide, etc.

Keynote Speaker



Prof. Kai-Uwe Schnapp

Dean of the Faculty of Business, Economics, and Social Sciences

University of Hamburg, Germany

Biography

Prof. Dr. Kai-Uwe Schnapp is the Dean of the Faculty of Business, Economics and Social Sciences at Universität Hamburg, a position he assumed in May 2025 for a five-year term. He has been a professor of political science, specialising in research methods, at the university since 2008. He earned his doctorate from Freie Universität Berlin, researching the political influence of ministerial bureaucracies in Western democracies. His academic

interests include political decision-making, public administration, research methodology and social innovation. He also founded the university's applied social research initiative, now known as the Research Office for Social Innovation (ROSI).

Keynote Speaker



Dr. Selim Raihan

Professor, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh & Executive Director, SANEM, Bangladesh

Biography

Dr. Selim Raihan is a Professor in the Department of Economics at the University of Dhaka, Bangladesh, and serves as the Executive Director of the South Asian Network on Economic Modeling (SANEM). He earned his PhD from the University of Manchester, UK, and sits on the Board of Directors for the Global Development Network (GDN). Additionally, Dr. Raihan is an Honorary Senior Research Fellow at the University of Manchester and an alumnus of Harvard University's program on

“Cutting Edge of Development Thinking.” With extensive expertise in empirical research, Dr. Raihan's work spans international trade, economic growth, poverty alleviation, labour markets, macroeconomic policy, political economy, and climate change. He has made significant contributions to applied economics, notably in assessing the impacts of trade and economic policies using country-specific and global Computable General Equilibrium (CGE) models, as well as micro and macro-econometric modeling techniques.

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