# CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

## *Precarious Orders*

*Sociological Perspectives on Power, Technology and Ecological Crisis*

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**14–15 Dec 2026**
CONFERENCE

**16 Nov 2026**
ABSTRACT DEADLINE

**21 Nov 2026**
ACCEPTANCE NOTIFICATION

**5 Dec 2026**
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## DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY

## Rev. Fr. John Kizhakedan Endowment International Conference 2026

## Sacred Heart College (Autonomous), Thevara, Kochi

# ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

The Department of Sociology, Sacred Heart College (Autonomous), Thevara, invites faculty members, research scholars, academicians and industry professionals to submit original abstracts for the Rev. Fr. John Kizhakedan Endowment International Conference 2026.

Contemporary societies are marked by eroding epistemic certainties, contested political authority, the algorithmic mediation of everyday life and intensifying ecological risk. Together, these conditions unsettle the institutions, norms and solidarities through which social order has historically been sustained. The conference asks how order is made, challenged and reconfigured under conditions of precarity, and what sociology must become if it is to account for these transformations.

We welcome theoretically informed, empirically grounded and methodologically innovative contributions, particularly those that draw on perspectives from the Global South and place sociological inquiry in conversation with the wider humanities and social

## Rev. Fr. John Kizhakedan

Rev. Fr. John Kizhakedan served in the Department of Sociology from 1975 -1979 before relocating to United States, where he currently serves as the Pastor of St Patrick's Church, in Tipton. He is actively involved in discussing and deliberating on social and religious issues and in the rebuilding of the cultural capital of his immediate community.

## About Sacred Heart College

Founded in 1944 by the Carmelites of Mary Immaculate (CMI), Sacred Heart College (Autonomous), Thevara, is a leading institution of higher education in Keralam. The College combines academic rigour with a commitment to value-based education, research and service to society, and the Department of Sociology hosts this conference as part of that tradition of public-minded scholarship

# CONFERENCE THEMES

**THEME 1**

**Fractured Certainties: Postmodernity, Reflexivity and the Decolonisation of Social Theory**

Examines the unsettling of grand narratives, epistemic authority and stable identities, and asks what sociological theory can become in their wake. Contributions may engage reflexive modernisation and liquid modernity, post structuralist thought, postcolonial and decolonial critique, the politics of knowledge production, indigenous and Southern theory, and the reconstruction of sociology for a plural and fragmented social world.

**THEME 2**

**Contested Authority: Power, Legitimacy and the Politics of Order**

Explores the sociology of the state, political contention and collective action. Contributions may address populism, majoritarianism and polarisation; citizenship, belonging and exclusion; social movements and civil society; governmentality and biopolitics; and the changing foundations of democratic legitimacy.

**THEME 3**

**Algorithmic Orders: Artificial Intelligence, Digital Inequalities and the Humanities**

Investigates how data, platforms and artificial intelligence reorganise social life and reproduce, or redistribute, inequality. Contributions may address algorithmic governance and the digital welfare state, digital stratification and access, platform labour, surveillance and data colonialism, and the ethical, cultural and humanistic questions raised by automated decision-making.

**THEME 4**

**Planetary Precarity: Eco-Sociology, Vulnerability and Resilience**

Considers the social dimensions of ecological crisis. Contributions may address climate risk and environmental justice, disaster, displacement and recovery, community adaptation and resilience, political ecology, local and indigenous ecological knowledge, and sociological approaches to the Anthropocene.

# Abstract Submission

Abstracts are invited from faculty members, research scholars and industry professionals. Submissions must be original and unpublished. Selected authors will be informed by email, and registration and fee payment should be completed only after the confirmation mail has been received.

Abstract submission form:

**https://forms.gle/AWrDV2cBHBNAJvcL8**

Email subject line: Author name_Theme (for example, Name_Planetary precarity)

## COMPONENT REQUIREMENT

**Title**
**Concise and descriptive; bold, centred, 14 pt**

**Author(s) and affiliation**
**Full name(s) and institutional affiliation(s); 12 pt**

**Corresponding author**
**Email address (mandatory)**

**Abstract**
**Up to 500 words: research question, conceptual framework, methodology and principal argument or findings**

**Keywords**
**Three to five**

**Format**
**MS Word (.doc/.docx); Times New Roman, 12 pt, 1.5 line spacing**

## REGISTRATION

Registration is mandatory for both paper presenters and participants. Only individual presentations are permitted. The conference will be held in person.

## CATEGORY- REGISTRATION FEE

Students- ₹ 250 [excluding accommodation]
Research scholars - ₹ 500 [ excluding accommodation]
Faculty members-₹ 750 [excluding accommodation]

## AWARDS, CERTIFICATION AND PUBLICATION

Best Paper Award: a cash prize of ₹5,000 and a Certificate of Excellence for the best paper in each thematic area.

Publication: selected full papers will be considered for publication in Scopus-indexed edited volumes and journals.

Certification: participation certificates for all registered participants.

Scholarly exchange: international academic exposure, networking and scope for research collaboration

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