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# Shaikh-ul Aalam Centre for Multidisciplinary Studies

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## Call for Papers

**Conference Title:** *Religions, Texts, and Spaces: A Multidisciplinary and Multilingual Perspective*

**Conference Date:** 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> December 2024

**Location:** Seminar Room, Shaikh ul Aalam Centre for Multidisciplinary Studies, University of Kashmir

**Submission Deadline:** 02<sup>nd</sup> December 2024 (Abstract Submission)

13<sup>th</sup> December 2024 (Full Paper Submission for Selected Participants)

### Conference Overview:

The conference titled *Religions, Texts, and Spaces* invites scholars and researchers across disciplines to explore the intersections between religion, textual expression, and spatial context. This conference seeks to foster a rich, multilingual conversation on how religious thought, practices, and beliefs manifest and are interpreted through texts, material spaces, and environments. The conference is interdisciplinary and welcomes perspectives from fields such as theology, religious studies, history, anthropology, linguistics, philosophy, literature, political science, cultural studies, and more. The conference is also multilingual and accepts submissions in English, Urdu, Kashmiri and Hindi.

### Themes and Topics:

The conference will cover a broad range of topics, **including but not limited to:**

- **Textual Interpretations of Religious Spaces:** Studies on how sacred texts shape and transform spaces, rituals, and practices in various cultural contexts.
- **Multilingual Approaches to Sacred Texts:** Analysis of the role and impact of multilingualism in the interpretation and translation of religious texts.
- **Religious Identity and Space:** Examination of how religious identity is shaped, negotiated, and expressed within public, private, and contested spaces.
- **Religious Texts, Spaces and Gender:** Exploration of ways in which gender relations ordained in religious texts determine gender relations in a society and access to religious spaces
- **Comparative Religious Studies:** Comparative approaches examining shared themes across religious texts, doctrines, or spatial practices.
- **Literary and Textual Analysis:** Analysis of sacred and religious texts using diverse methodological approaches (e.g., linguistic, semiotic, hermeneutic).
- **Oral Traditions and Religious Experience:** Engaging with the role of memory and community in disseminating religious and spiritual traditions, especially the questions of authenticity and reliability.

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- **Texts, Spaces and Interreligious Dialogue:** Exploration of the role of sacred spaces and religious literature as sites for dialogue in pluralistic societies.
- **Architecture and Sacred Spaces:** Investigations into the role of architecture in shaping religious experiences and meanings across time and place.
- **Religion and Digital Spaces:** Exploration of religious expression in virtual and digital spaces, including online communities and digital archives.
- **The Role of Space in Rituals and Religious Practice:** Inquiries into how physical spaces influence religious practice and community formation.

We particularly encourage submissions that employ innovative methodologies or address understudied traditions, spaces, and texts.

## Submission Guidelines:

- **Abstract Submission:** Submit a 250-300 word abstract summarizing your paper's main argument, methodology, and key findings.
- **Languages:** The conference accepts papers in English, Urdu, Kashmiri and Hindi.
- **Format:** Include a short bio (100 words) with your abstract, detailing your institutional affiliation, and research interests.
- **Submission Deadline:** 02<sup>nd</sup> December 2024
- **Notification of Acceptance:** Authors will be notified by 05<sup>th</sup> December 2024. The selected participants would have to submit a full length paper by 13<sup>th</sup> December 2024. Only the submitted papers can be considered for the forthcoming issue of the UGC-CARE listed journal *The Alamdar*, subject to its reviewing process.

## Contact Information:

For any questions or further information, please contact the conference organizers at [seminarsacms@gmail.com](mailto:seminarsacms@gmail.com). We look forward to your participation in this exciting and enriching conference.

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