



**GANGADHAR MEHER UNIVERSITY, SAMBALPUR, ODISHA  
AND  
INDIAN ASSOCIATION FOR ASIAN & PACIFIC STUDIES**

**Announce**

**The 12<sup>th</sup> Biennial International Conference of IAAPS**

at Gangadhar Meher University, Odisha  
October 23 to 24, 2024

Dear Colleague,

I have the honor to invite you to the Twelfth Biennial International Conference (Hybrid Mode) of the Indian Association for Asian & Pacific Studies to be held under the auspices of School of History in collaboration with the School of Economics and Political Science of Gangadhar Meher University.

**SCHOOL OF HISTORY, GANGADHAR MEHER UNIVERSITY**

Gangadhar Meher University (GMU), Sambalpur, came into existence on 30th of May 2015 as a Unitary institution of higher learning. That was a momentous event for the people and student community of Western Odisha for the fulfilment of their long-cherished dream and aspirations. The newly formed University replaced the erstwhile Gangadhar Meher College which had its beginning in 1944 as Sambalpur College. It was later renamed in 1949 as Gangadhar Meher College after Gangadhar Meher, a renowned Odia poet and a worthy son of the soil. It started functioning as an autonomous college in 1991. Further, the institution was identified as the College with Potential for Excellence (CPE) by UGC in the academic session 2004-05. This transition was indeed the crowning glory for an institution that had a humble beginning at its inception way back in the pre-independence era. In 1944, degree programs in Arts and Commerce were introduced, while B.Sc. programs were added in the year 1957. The College reached a milestone in 1964 when post-graduate departments were opened. Another landmark was achieved when M.Phil. programs in various disciplines were offered by the institution from 1983 onwards. Pre-Doctoral coursework was also introduced in 2012 in four subjects to meet the demand for higher education and research. From the year 2018, GMU started offering Ph.D. programs in many subjects. The primary mission of the institution is to cater to the needs of the poor and underprivileged students of this tribal-dominated region of the State and is serving to the needs of around 5500 students at present and rendering services to the society at large.

**THE INDIAN ASSOCIATION FOR ASIAN & PACIFIC STUDIES** is a non-profit, non-governmental registered organization (under Act XXVI of 1961, Government of West Bengal, India) devoted to academic activities on Asian and Pacific regions. The Association promotes research, conference, seminar, lecture programs and understanding of different Asian & Pacific regions in its cultural, social, political and economic scenario. The Association is a forum for scholars engaged in Area Studies to carry out social science-oriented studies, which are to some extent inter- regional and inter-societal comparative studies. This Association in its past history of two decades it has organized many prestigious national and international Seminars, Lectures and Conferences.

This Twelfth Biennial International Conference will be a meeting point of scholars working on Asian & Pacific studies. We expect participation of scholars from all regions of Asia to enrich the already established network between Indian scholars & scholars across Asia-Pacific regions. We would request you and other colleagues who are members/intend to become members of the Association to make it convenient to attend this conference and contribute to its success.

## **Theme, Panels, Keynote Speaker**

**Theme: “History, Culture and Commerce in the Indian Ocean World: Past and Present”**

### **Panels**

1. Crossing the Bay of Bengal through Ages: Connectivity, Commerce and Migration.
2. Decolonization and Nationalism in South and South-east Asia.
3. India and her Neighbors: History, Polity and Society.
4. The Dynamics of geo strategy, geo economy and geopolitics in the Indo- Pacific: The role of Stakeholders.
5. Maritime Resources, Capacity Building and Disaster Risk Reduction in Indo Pacific.
6. Gender and Society: The Indo- Pacific scenario

### **Special Panel on Odisha**

“Odisha: History and Culture in Multiple Dimensions”

### **Keynote Speaker:**

**Dr. David Brewster**, Senior Research Fellow, National Security College, Australian National University & Distinguished Research Fellow, Australia India Institute, University of Melbourne, Australia

### **Chief Guest:**

**Ambassador Lalit Mansingh**, Former Foreign Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs, Former High Commissioner of India to U.K. and Former Ambassador of India to U.S.A.



## Dates for Submission of Abstract and Paper:

Both abstract & full text papers are to be submitted by e-mail and in word format only.

03/05/2024	Last date for abstract submission (word limit 200 words)
21/05/2024	Abstract acceptance notification via email.
31/08/2024	Last date for full paper submission (Word Limit – 2500)

### How to join the Conference?

A member of the Association as well as non-members can join the Conference by paying the requisite Registration and Local Logistic Fees. Members are to clear their dues till the financial year 2024-2025 & they are requested to pay it positively before **-May 31, 2024**. For details about membership, please visit the website of the Association ([www.iaaps.org.in](http://www.iaaps.org.in)).

Payment of Conference Registration Fees and Local Logistic Fees is compulsory for all. All payments towards Registration fees should be paid online. The Account detail will be informed after acceptance of the abstract.

***Please note: We do not accept any outstation cheque.***

**The mode of payment for the Local Logistics fees will be intimated in Circular II.**

*All payment should be made online to Account Named- "Indian Association for Asian and Pacific Studies (Conference)", Account No. 07510100006781 on UCO Bank, Hazra Road, IFSC Code- UCBA0000582.*

## Registration & Local Logistic Fees:

### A. Member Delegates

1. Registration fee of INR 1500/- (Rupees One Thousand Five Hundred only) payable by all South Asian Member Delegates (Both Virtual & Physical) and \$ 120 (US Dollar One Hundred and Twenty only) payable in INR ONLY for non-South Asian Member Delegates (Both Virtual & Physical)
2. Local Logistic Fees of INR 2000/- (Two Thousand only) to be paid by all South Asian & Non-South Asian Member Delegates (for Physical participants only)

### B. Non-Member Delegates

1. Registration fee of INR 2000/- (Two Thousand only) payable for South Asian Non-Member Delegates (Both Virtual & Physical) and \$ 150 (US Dollar One Hundred and Fifty only) payable in INR ONLY for all non-South Asian non-Member Delegates (Both Virtual & Physical)
2. Local Logistic Fees – Rs 2500/- (Rupees Two Thousand Five Hundred only) to be paid by non-Member South Asian and Non-South Asian delegates (for Physical participants only)

### C. Concessional Fees for Local Non-Member Delegates

Concessions will be provided for local non-member delegates. The concession rates may be as follows:

Registration Fees	500 INR
Local logistics Fees	1000 INR
Total	1500 INR

*Please note: anyone who would like to receive a formal invitation letter (in addition to this Circular) has to take the membership of the Association positively by May 31, 2024 & should have acceptance about abstract from IAAPS.*

## Travel Subsidy:

A limited number of travel subsidy may be available, subject to availability of funds for a few brilliant paper presenters to be decided by a Board of reviewers.

## Accommodation:

Details about accommodation in Sambalpur will be informed in local Secretary's Circular. IAAPS or GM University will have no responsibility to reserve accommodation for delegates.

## Post Conference Paid Up Excursion:

If there is a good number of requests, G M University may organize a post conference paid excursion trip to Debrigarh Sanctuary on first come first serve basis. One is requested to inform the Local Secretary about his/her interest.

## IAAPS EXECUTIVE MEMBERS

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### Local Secretary:

**Dr Sasmita Rani Shasni**, Assistant Professor, School of History, the Local Secretary will issue Circular II dealing with the logistics of the conference in due course. Her contact mobile no.is -8260792412. Her email address will be shared in Circular II.

### Warm Greetings

Yours sincerely,  
**Anasua Basu Roy Chaudhury**

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