



LORETO COLLEGE, KOLKATA



**Department of Political Science in collaboration with
Political Science Society**

Presents

DIALEGO 2025-2026

National Level Conference and Annual Students' Meet

GENDER AND POLITICS

Venue: Loreto College, Kolkata

Date: 27th November, 2025

Time: 9.30 am– 4.00 pm

About Dialego

Since 2005, the Department of Political Science has been the proud organizer of the annual student seminar. In 2019, this vibrant academic event was christened 'Dialego' through a democratic process involving the entire student community. Widely recognized, the student seminar has consistently been cited and appreciated as one of the best practices of the department in Accreditation Reports.

Dialego 2025–2026 will be organized as a National-Level Conference along with the Annual Students' Meet. The theme, "Gender and Politics," delves into the intricate intersections of power, representation, and gendered experiences within political life. It seeks to explore how structures of patriarchy, culture, and policy shape the participation of women and gender minorities in governance and public decision-making. From the global struggle for suffrage and equality to India's contemporary debates on representation and the Women's Reservation Bill, the theme highlights both significant progress and enduring inequalities. By engaging with feminist thought, intersectionality, and lived experiences, it aims to reimagine politics as a space for inclusion, justice, and transformative social change.

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CONCEPT NOTE

Gender remains one of the most crucial and contested categories in understanding the dynamics of power, representation, and justice in contemporary politics. Across the world, the intersection of gender and politics has evolved as a significant site of enquiry and activism, reflecting broader struggles for equality, inclusion, and rights-based governance. This seminar aims to explore the multifaceted relationship between gender and politics, situating the discussion within both Indian and global contexts.

Globally, the feminist movement and gender discourse have redefined traditional notions of citizenship, political participation, and leadership. From the suffrage movements of the early twentieth century to contemporary campaigns for reproductive rights, equal pay, and representation in political institutions, women and gender minorities have challenged patriarchal structures and demanded transformative change. The rise of global frameworks such as the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW), the Beijing Platform for Action, and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG 5: Gender Equality) further underscore the international commitment to gender parity in politics and governance.

In India, the relationship between gender and politics reflects the complex interplay of democracy, culture, and social hierarchy. Despite constitutional guarantees of equality and notable examples of women in leadership—from the national to the local level—the barriers to full and equal participation persist. Issues such as gender-based violence, economic marginalization, social stereotypes, and institutional biases continue to impede women's access to political power. The recent Women's Reservation Bill (Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam, 2023) marks a significant step toward greater representation, but also raises debates about implementation, intersectionality, and the future of feminist politics in India.

In the international arena, women have emerged as pivotal actors in peace processes: as negotiators, mediators, survivors turned activists, and as victims of conflict who refuse to remain silent. Recognitions such as the Nobel Peace Prize awarded to Narges Mohammadi in 2023 for her fight against the oppression of women in Iran and Maria Gorina Machado in 2025 highlights how women's rights, democracy and peace are deeply interlinked. At the same time, the global rise of violent extremism, terrorism and polarized politics raises urgent questions about how gender informs the causes, participation and consequences of conflict.

Dialego 2025-2026 seeks to engage scholars, academicians and students, in an interdisciplinary dialogue on how gender shapes, and is shaped by, political processes and institutions. It will address themes such as feminist political theory, representation and participation, gender in political movements, media and gendered narratives, and the impact of globalization and digital spaces on gendered identities and activism.

By juxtaposing Indian experiences with global trajectories, the seminar aims to promote critical reflection on the possibilities and challenges of building more inclusive and equitable political systems. It will encourage participants to reimagine the political beyond formal institutions—recognizing the everyday acts of resistance and leadership that constitute gendered forms of power and agency.

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LIST OF EVENTS

ON STAGE EVENTS

1. PAPER PRESENTATION

OFF STAGE EVENTS

1. HACKATHON

2. POLICY BRIEF



PAPER PRESENTATION
THEME: GENDER & POLITICS
27th November 2025
GENERAL GUIDELINES

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

TIME: 2.15-3.30 pm

VENUE: Auditorium

1. Undergraduate students across all disciplines are eligible to participate
2. Each college may send a two-member team, and participation is limited to the first 6 registered colleges including home team.
3. The theme for papers is “Gender and Politics” with a maximum word limit of 300 words.
4. Final date for abstract submission is: 22.11.2025
5. Participants have 15 minutes to present their papers. (13 minutes for the overall presentation and 2 minutes for concluding remarks)
6. Students using the PPT must send it at least a day before i.e. by 5:00 p.m., 26th November, 2025 also carry it on a pendrive on the day of the conference.
7. All submissions to be emailed to politicalsciencesocietyloretoc@gmail.com

Registration Amounts:

NON- Loreto UG Students: 200/-

Loreto College Students: 150/-

POST GRADUATE STUDENTS

TIME: 2.15–3.30 pm

VENUE: Media Lab

1. Post Graduate students across all disciplines are eligible to participate.
2. Each college may send a two- member team.
3. Participation is limited to the first six registered colleges.
4. The theme for papers is “Gender and Politics” with a maximum word limit of 300 words.
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Registration Amounts:

NON- Loreto PG Students: 200/-

Loreto College Students: 150/-

YOUNG ACADEMIGIANS

TIME: 2.15–3.30 pm

VENUE: Conference Room

1. All submissions must include- Title Page: Title, name, designation, institution, and contact details.
2. Abstract: 300 words summarizing the paper's main argument and findings.
Final date for abstract submission is: 22.11.2025
3. Keywords: 4–6 key terms related to the topic.
4. Font: Times New Roman, Size 12, 1.5 line spacing, justified.
5. Submit your full paper in word format by November 26th november, 2025.
6. Selected papers may be considered for publication in seminar proceedings or a departmental journal, after review.
7. All submissions to be emailed to politicalsciencesocietyloretoc@gmail.com

Registration Amounts:

Phd scholars & Faculty non- Loreto: 500/-

In-House: 150/-

HACKATHON

TOPIC: GENDER IN THE AGE OF AI

27th November 2025

TIME: 2.15–3.30 pm

VENUE: Room 209

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Duration : 2 Minutes

File Size Limit : 100- 200 MB

Accepted Formats: MP4, MOV, AVI

CONTENT REQUIREMENTS:

- a. Brief introduction of the Team and the Project.
 - b. Explanation of the Problem and the proposed solution.
 - c. Demonstration/ explanation of the Prototype.
 - d. Closing remarks, including future scope
1. Open to Students, Researchers and Professionals from all disciplines.
 2. Participants can register as Individuals or Teams (2-5 members per team). Each college is allowed to send one team.
 3. The solution can be a Mobile app, Web platform, or any innovative approach.
 4. Pre- Built Projects are not allowed.
 5. Teams must submit their final presentation and prototype before the deadline.
Submission must be completed two days prior to the event to society email ID politicalsciencesociety.loretoc@gmail.com

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POLICY BRIEF

THEME: FEMINIST ECONOMIES IN THE 21st CENTURY
27TH NOVEMBER, 2025

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1. Open to undergraduate and postgraduate students from all disciplines.
2. Format Guidelines: Font: Times New Roman, 12 pt, Spacing: 1.5. Word Limit: 2000 words. Citation Style: APA/Chicago/MLA
3. Present a policy specific, actionable policy recommendations addressing identified gaps
4. Outline implementation strategies including policy instruments, legal frameworks, and institutional mechanisms.
5. Summarize the key policy recommendations and their expected impact
6. Factual errors will result in penalties.
7. Points will be deducted for grammatical errors, with the evaluator holding the final decision.
8. Registration Desks: One downstairs. One outside the auditorium for event registration.
9. Result Will not be declared on the event days
10. Certificates will be sent to colleges.
11. The policy brief must be submitted in hardcopy at the registration desk on the day of the event .

PROGRAMME SCHEDULE (TENTATIVE)

| <u>Time</u> | <u>Event</u> | <u>Venue</u> |
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| 9.30 am | Registration | Outside Auditorium |
| 10.00 am | Inaugural Session Opening Dance and Song Welcome Address Principal's Address Vote of Thanks | Auditorium |
| 10.30 am | Keynote Address Prof. Arundhuti Bhattacharyya Department of Political Science University of Burdwan Vote of Thanks | Auditorium |

| <u>Time</u> | <u>Event</u> | <u>Venue</u> |
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| 11.30 am | Coffee Break | |
| 11.45-1.30 pm | <p>Panel discussion Discussant : Dr.Sujata Chowdhury Retired. Head of the Department Department of Political Science Loreto College</p> <p>Panelist</p> <p>Dr.Sreya Maitra Assistant Professor Department of International Relations Jadavpur University Kolkata</p> <p>Dr.Gargi Adhikari Adjunct Faculty of Political Science Interdisciplinary School of Science Savitribai Phule Pune University Pune</p> | Auditorium |
| 1.30- 2.15 pm | Lunch Break | Faculty and Guest –Fourth Floor Staff room Students and Participants – Canteen |
| 2.15-3.30 pm | <p>Parallel Paper Presentation</p> <p>Panel I- Young Academicians Moderator – Ms Sreeparna Dasgupta Assistant Professor Department of Political Science Loreto College</p> <p>Judges- Prof. Arundhuti Bhattacharyya Department of Political Science University of Burdwan</p> <p>Dr.Sujata Chowdhury Retired. Head of the Department Loreto College Kolkata</p> | Auditorium. Room 209. and Conference room |

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| 2.15-3.30 pm | <p>Panel II- Post Graduates Moderator : Ms.Archana Verma Ph.D Scholar Amity University & Ex-Guest Faculty Department of Political Science Loreto College</p> <p>Judges: Dr.Sreya Maitra Assistant Prifessor Department of International Relations Jadavpur University Kolkata</p> <p>Dr.Trijita Gonsalves Associate Professor Department of Political Science Lady Brabourne College</p> <p>Panel III- Under Graduates Moderator- Ms.Ghaitali Karmakar Faculty Department of Human Rights Loreto College</p> <p>Judges- Dr. Maitryee Guha Assistant Professor Department of Political Science Seth Soorajmull Jalan Girl's College</p> <p>Dr. Sreerupa Saha Assistant Professor Department of Political Science Shirakole College</p> | |
| 2.15-3.00 pm | Hackathon | 207 |
| 3.30-4.00 pm | Prize Distribution and Vote of Thanks | 209 |



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