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CALL FOR PAPERS
ICA-2026 Annual Conference – South Asian Regional Hub
Sister Nivedita University

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The School of Arts, Media & Design, Sister Nivedita University, proudly announces the ICA-2026 Annual Conference, hosted as the Regional Hub of South Asia under the 76th International Communication Association (ICA). Centred on the theme *"Communication and Inequalities in Context,"* the conference invites scholars, researchers, practitioners, and students to submit original research papers and posters that critically engage with the evolving intersections of communication, inequality, and power in contemporary society.

The conference seeks to foster inclusive dialogue and innovative scholarship that interrogates structural disparities, emerging digital divides, and the transformative role of communication across global and regional contexts.

Themes (including but not limited to):

1. Communication, Society & Structural Inequalities

1.1: Communication and Social Transformations
• The evolving landscape of the relationship between communication and inequality
• Broader social and communicational outcomes of the communication divide

2.Critical Theories, Power & Inclusion

2.1: Conceptual and Theoretical Perspectives
• Conceptualisations and theorisations of communication inequality and inclusion/exclusion

 2.2: Intersectionality and Power Structures
• Tensions and intersectionality of power hierarchies in communication

3.Global, Cultural & Cross-Border Communication Contexts

3.1: Emerging Divides in Diverse Settings
• The dynamics and implications of enduring inequalities and new divides for communication scholarship in different settings

3.2: Transnational and Cross-Border Inequalities
• Cross-border communication inequalities

4. Digital Cultures, Algorithms & Data Justice

4.1: Algorithmic Bias and Technological Marginalisation
• Algorithmic biases and marginalisation (e.g., algorithmic decisions reinforcing disparities faced by marginalised groups; societal implications of algorithmic; data inequality, algorithmic fairness)

5. Knowledge Systems, Academia & Research Inequalities

5.1: Power and Inequality in Knowledge Production
• Inequalities across and within communication research, including power imbalances in knowledge production within the field, and differences in opportunities, resources, and capacities among researchers, institutions, and regions.

Key Dates

- Submission System Opens: 20 February 2026
- Submission Deadline: Monday, 30 March 2026 (12:00 Noon IST)
- Review Begins: 2 April 2026
- Review Ends: 30 April 2026
- Notification of Acceptance: 10 May 2026

Researchers from South Asia and beyond are encouraged to contribute interdisciplinary perspectives that expand critical conversations on communication, equity, and social transformation.

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