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Advancing Justice: Transdisciplinary Responses to Contemporary Global Challenges

Sub themes:

1. Vulnerabilities, Human Rights and Social Justice
2. Climate, Environmental and Energy Justice
3. Emerging Technologies, Digital Marginality and Techno Justice
4. Governance, Workplace Dynamics and Institutional Justice
5. Geopolitical Conflicts, Displacement and Global Justice

AUTHOR GUIDELINES

Authors are requested to strictly follow the submission and presentation guidelines.

Author Guidelines for Abstract Submission

1. Abstract Length and Format

- **Word Limit:** The abstract should be between 250-300 words.
- **Format:** Submit the abstract in a single paragraph without subheadings. It should clearly summarize the research question, objectives, methodology, key findings, and implications.
- **File Format:** Submit the abstract in a Word document (.doc or .docx).
- **Font:** Times New Roman, 12-point size, single-spaced.
- **Margins:** 1-inch (2.54 cm) margins on all sides.

2. Title and Author Information

- **Title:** The title should be concise and descriptive, not exceeding 15 words.
- **Authors:** List all authors with their full names below the title. Include their designations and institutional affiliations as footnotes.
- **Corresponding Author:** Clearly indicate the corresponding author with an asterisk (*) and provide email address and contact number.

3. Keywords

- Include 4-6 keywords that best represent the content of the paper.

4. Submission Process



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- Abstracts should be submitted to denovo@depaul.edu.in by the specified deadline (12th September 2026).

Author Guidelines for Full Paper Submission

1. Paper Length and Format

- **Word Limit:** The full paper should be between 3,000-5,000 words, excluding references, tables, and figures.
- **File Format:** Submit the paper in a Word document (.doc or .docx).
- **Font:** Times New Roman, 12-point size, double-spaced.
- **Margins:** 1-inch (2.54 cm) margins on all sides.
- **Page Numbers:** Include page numbers at the bottom center of each page.

2. Structure of the Full Paper

- **Title Page:** Include the title of the paper, authors' names, affiliations, and the corresponding author's contact information.
- **Abstract:** Repeat the abstract submitted previously (250-300 words).
- **Keywords:** Include 4-6 keywords.
- **Introduction:** Provide a background of the study, research problem, and objectives.
- **Literature Review:** Review relevant literature to position your research within the existing body of knowledge.
- **Methodology:** Clearly describe the research design, data collection methods and tools, analysis techniques, ethical considerations, and limitations.
- **Results:** Present the findings of your research in a clear and logical manner, using tables and figures where appropriate.
- **Discussion:** Interpret the results, discussing their implications and how they relate to existing research.
- **Conclusion:** Summarize the key findings, contributions, and suggest future research directions.
- **References:** Use APA 7 Style for all citations and references.

3. Tables and Figures (Follow APA 7 Style)

- **Tables:** Number tables consecutively and include titles above the tables. Ensure they are referenced in the text.
- **Figures:** Number figures consecutively and include captions below the figures. Ensure they are referenced in the text.
- **File Format:** Tables and figures should be included within the main text, not submitted as separate files.

4. Plagiarism Policy

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- Papers must be original and not under consideration for publication elsewhere. All submissions will be checked for plagiarism.
- The overall similarity index of the submitted work should not exceed 10%, ensuring that all sources are appropriately cited and that original content is emphasized.

5. Submission Process

- Full papers should be submitted to denovo@depaul.edu.in by the specified deadline (1st November 2026).
- Review: Papers will undergo a peer review process.
- Registration of all authors before 1st November 2026 is mandatory.

6. Publication

- Selected papers will be considered for publication in a Scopus-indexed journal series.
- Authors will be notified regarding publication decisions after the conclusion of the conference.

Guidelines for Power Point Presentation

Each presentation will be allocated 12 minutes, with 10 minutes dedicated to the presentation itself and 2 minutes reserved for discussion. Power Point Presentations should be submitted by 10th November 2026.

1. Slide Structure (7-10 slides)

- Title Slide (1 slide):
 - Content: Title of your presentation, your name, affiliation, and date.
 - Format: Centered, bold title in title case, your name in sentence case.
- Introduction (1 slide):
 - Content: Briefly introduce the topic and its significance.
 - Format: Use bullet points; no more than 3-4 key points.
- Research Question/Objectives (1 slide):
 - Content: Clearly state your research question or objectives.
 - Format: Numbered or bulleted list.
- Methodology (1 slide):
 - Content: Summarize your research design, participants, and procedures.
 - Format: Short bullet points, concise language.
- Results (2 or 3 slides):
 - Content: Present key findings using charts, graphs, or tables.
 - Format: Visuals should be clear and labelled according to APA 7 guidelines.
- Discussion (1 slide):

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- Content: Interpret the results and connect them to your research question.
 - Format: Highlight 2-3 key points.
- Conclusion (1 slide):
 - Content: Summarize the main findings and implications for future research.
 - Format: Bullet points, with a closing statement.
- References (1 slide):
 - Content: Include key references cited during the presentation.
 - Format: APA 7 format (hanging indent, alphabetically ordered).

2. Design Guidelines

- Font: Use a legible font (e.g., Times New Roman, Calibri).
- Font Size: Minimum 24pt for body text, 32-44pt for titles.
- Colour: High contrast (e.g., dark text on a light background).
- Visuals: Ensure graphs and tables are APA-compliant (title in italics, captioned).
- Bullet Points: Limit to 3-5 per slide, brief and to the point.

3. Presentation Delivery

- Pacing: Spend 1 minute per slide. Practice to stay within the 10-minute limit.
- Timing: Allocate time for a brief introduction (1 minute), main content (7-8 minutes), and conclusion (1-2 minutes).

Guidelines for Poster Presentation Competition

- **Poster Material, Size & Orientation:** Eco-friendly material, A0 (33.1" × 46.8") or 84.1cm × 118.9cm, Landscape orientation.
- **Poster Content:** Title, Author(s) & Affiliation(s), Introduction, Objectives, Methodology, Key Findings, Discussion and Conclusion.
- **Design:** Clear fonts (24 pt text, 32–40 pt headings). Use visuals. Maintain clarity and white space.
- **Mode of Submission:** Abstracts (12th September 2026) and digital copy of scientific posters (1st November 2026) should be submitted to denovo@depaul.edu.in by the specified deadline.
- **Presentation:** Authors must be present at their posters during the scheduled session.
- **Registration:** Registration of all authors before 1st November 2026 is mandatory.
- **Assessment:** Judge's decision based on the following criteria will be final.

Criteria for assessment of scientific posters:



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1. Relevance to Conference Themes
 - The poster should align with the conference's focus and topics.
2. Originality
 - The poster should present novel ideas or approaches.
3. Clarity and Structure
 - The poster should be clearly written following the guidelines given and well-organized, with a logical flow.
4. Scientific or Scholarly Merit
 - The poster should demonstrate sound research or theoretical foundation.
5. Results and Findings
 - The poster should include key results or findings, even if brief or expected outcome
