



UIAF- WORLD ANTHROPOLOGY CONGRESS
POST-CONGRESS CONFERENCE
TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE SYSTEM, ETHNOMEDICINES &
HEALING PRACTICES OF INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES

Organized by :
Department of Anthropology
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The Theme

There are over 476 million indigenous people living in 90 countries across the world, accounting for about 6.2 percent of the global population. Their knowledge-innovations and practices on biodiversity, cosmology and epistemology are popularly addressed as a Traditional Knowledge System (TKS). It includes inherent wisdom about array of fields such as traditional technologies of subsistence, management and conservation of resources, education, governance, and ecological knowledge and healthcare among others. It is developed from observation and natural experiments over generations and transmitted orally or visually with the intent to exhibit the tacit social, cultural and economic underpinnings. It is both means of their sustenance and maintenance of their cultural identity. Ethno-medicine as a subfield of the TKS concerns with the cultural interpretations of health, disease, illness, healthcare practices and health-seeking behaviour. Although research interest and activities in the areas of ethno-medicines have increased tremendously in the last few decades, still there are many areas to be inquired. There are urgent needs of research to ascertain the efficacy and safety of the modalities used in various traditional medicine systems to strengthen the role of traditional medicine in maintaining human health across the world. There is also an urgent need for preservation and documentation of this fast depleting inherent wisdom under the influence of development.

Against this backdrop, the official Post-Congress Conference under the auspices of UIAF-WAC-2023 is being organized at Utkal University, Bhubaneswar to bring together researchers from the fields of social sciences, academia, physicians, policymakers, representatives from public and private sectors from all across the globe to discuss the most recent research efforts and innovative progressions in the fields of Traditional Knowledge System and ethno-medicinal practices.

Sub-themes

Theme-1: Traditional Knowledge System (TKS)

1. Empirical Studies on TKS of Indigenous Communities
2. Integration of TKS and Formal Sciences
3. Application of TKS on Agriculture, Health, Food, Irrigation, Art, Craft and others
4. Indigenous Knowledge and Sustainable Development and Inclusive Growth
5. Intellectual Property Rights, Indigenous People's Rights to Land, Forest and others.

Theme-2: Ethno-medicines & Healing Practices

1. Ethnography of Healthcare Practices
2. Ethno-biology and Ethno-pharmacology
3. Cultural Correlates of Health and Ethno-Medicines
4. Ethno-Medicine Specialists in Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health Care
5. Impact of Biomedicine and Globalization on Ethno-medicinal Practices

Call for Abstracts

Participants are requested to submit the abstracts of the original papers in 300 words covering any subtheme of the conference in Times New Roman; Size: 12; Spacing: 1.5 to **conf.anthrouu@gmail.com** latest by **31.07.2023**
The decision for oral presentation will be communicated through email.

Important Dates

Submission of Abstracts: **31st July , 2023**

Announcement of selected abstracts for presentation: **03rd August, 2023**

Last date of Registration : **07th August , 2023**

Registration

Indian Academicians/ Faculty: INR 1000/-

Indian Reserach Scholars/ Studesnts: INR 750/-

International Academicians/ Scholars: 80\$

Important Information

- Registration is **Compulsory** to all the participants
- Food for all participants will be provided on seminar day.
- The delegates are requested to arrange for travel and accomodation through their own resources. However the assistance will be provided in making arrangements upon request.

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