

CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Bangalore
Department of International Studies, Political Science, and History & Department of Liberal Arts

International Conference

French Colonial Presence in India: Cultural Imprint & Decoloniality (1664-1954)

Schedule Book



DAY 1

29 JANUARY 2026

VENUE: CHRIST University Central Campus

**9:00 AM- 10:00 AM
(IST)**

**4:30 AM - 5:30 AM
(CET)**

Campus View

Inaugural Ceremony

Emcee: Moin S Hakak
and Geethu Jayan

Lighting of the Lamp

Welcome: Dr. Madhumati Deshpande, HoD, ISPH

Introduction to the Conference: Dr. Anna Varghese & Dr. Priscilla Rozario

Inaugural: Dr. Fr. Jose CC, Vice Chancellor

Felicitation Address: Dr. K. Jayasankara Reddy (Dean, School of Social Sciences)

Keynote Address: Dr. Robert Ivermee

Vote of Thanks: Dr. Prerana Srimal, HoD, Liberal Arts

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29 JANUARY 2026

VENUE: CHRIST University Central Campus

10:00 AM - 11:30 AM
(IST)

5:30 AM - 7:00 AM
(CET)

Campus View
Central block - 10th
floor

Moderator:
Dr. Priscilla Rozario

Emcee: Geethu Jayan

Plenary Session 1

I. **Prof. Radhika Seshan:** [Affiliation: Professor and Retired Head, Savitribai Phule Pune University, Current Visiting Faculty, Symbiosis School for Liberal Arts.]

Title of the Paper: The French Presence: Before Colonialism.

II. **Prof Piu Chatterjee** [Affiliation: Associate Professor and Head, Department of History, Bhawanipore Education Society, Calcutta]

Title of the Paper: The French Thorn in the British Flesh in Colonial Bengal.

III. **Prof. Biswanath Bandyopadhyay**, [Affiliation: Associate Professor (retired), Institute of Education (postgraduate) for women. Chandernagore. Govt. of West Bengal.]

Title of the Paper: French Colonial Presence in Chandernagore, Cultural Imprint, and the other Impacts along with Environment

11.30 AM - 11.45 AM (IST)
7:00 AM - 7:15 AM (CET)

T e a B r e a k

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11.45 AM - 1.30 PM (IST)

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Moderator: Dr. Anna Varghese

7:15 AM - 9:00 AM (CET)

Emcee: Moin Hakak

Plenary Session 2:

I. **Dr. Joshy Mathew**, [Affiliation: Associate Professor and Head in History, Pazhassiraja College, Pulpally, Wayanad, Kerala]
Title of the Paper: Mission in the Hills: French Missionaries and Badaga and Kurichiya Tribal Missions in the Western Ghats

II. **Dr. Sayant Vijay** [Affiliation: Assistant Professor, Department of English, Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, Bangalore]
Title of the Paper: Mahé as Memoryscape: Tracing French Colonial Legacies through Urban Space, Heritage, and Identity

1.30 PM - 2.30 PM (IST)
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CET)

L u n c h B r e a k

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2.30 pm - 3.15 pm
(IST)

10:00 AM - 10:45 AM
(CET)

Moderator:
Dr. Sreemoyee Sarkar

Emcee: Shikha &
Srishti

Plenary 3

I. **Prof. Julie Marquet** [Affiliation: Associate Professor, Université du Littoral Côte d'Opale] (ONLINE)
Title of the Paper: Go-betweens and the making of 18th-century Pondicherry

II. **Dr. Samuel Berthet**, [Affiliation: Post-Doctoral Fellow at CSH, Assistant Professor at Shiv Nadar University, Dadri and University of Nantes, Paris] (ONLINE)
Title of the Paper: Accounts and collection: French representations and narratives of India from 13th to 20th century.

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**3:15 pm - 4:30 pm
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**10:45 AM - 12:00 PM
(CET)**

Campus view

Chair:
Prof. Radhika Seshan

Emcee: Aditi Singh

**Paper Presentation Theme 1
Parallel Session 1.1**

I. Dr. Rohitashwani Duhan & Mr. Parantak Prathama

Title of the Paper: Reclaiming the Past: Decolonisation and Politics of Memory in Toni Morrison's Beloved

II. Christelle Carneiro Alphonso

Title of the Paper: Grassroots Diplomacy - The 1948 Mahé Revolt

III. Nidha M

Title of the Paper: Reimagining Colonial Memories: Hybridity and Decolonisation in French India

IV. Ratheesh C

Title of the Paper: Material subjugation and mental trauma ; Karumbi Amma and Alphonse Achan reflect two faces of French colonialism in mayyazhi(Mahe).

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(CET)**

Room 328 Block 1

Chair:
Prof. Piu Chatterjee

Emcee: Hema

**Paper Presentation Theme 1
Parallel Session 1.2**

I. Vastav Khound

Title of the Paper: Legal and Diplomatic Pathways of Postcolonial Integration: A Comparative Study of Chandernagore and the French Settlements in India

II. Shaik Sharief & Maseera Shaik

Title of the Paper: Resistance and Post-Colonial Legacy: The Integration of Yanam into the Indian Union

III. Jahana Sherin P (Online)

Title of the Paper: Living Between Empires: Postcolonial Identity and Creole Citizenship in Two Flags and Pondichéry, dernier comptoir des Indes

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Room 329
Block 1

Chair:
Prof. Biswanath
Bandyopadhyay

Emcee: Kasturi

**Paper Presentation Theme 1
Parallel Session 1.3**

I. Muskan Bansal

Title of the Paper: Deconstruction of the Indian Colonialism

II. Keerti Manjit, Aashi Samith & A M Prahaladha Varadhan

Title of the Paper: Jeanne de Pondichéry: Examining Jeanne d'Arc's narrative presence in the French colonies of Mahe and Pondicherry

III. Mohammad Nawaz

Title of the Paper: The Last French Footprint: Yanam and the Making of Modern India

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Room 110
Block 4
Chair:

Dr. Sayant Vijay &
Dr. Namrata

Emcee: Anoushka

**Paper Presentation Theme 2
Parallel Session 2.1**

I. Hana N

Title of the Paper: Imperial Blueprints, Environmental Scars: The Eco-Historical Impact of Colonial Infrastructure

II. Rishabh Nalte

Title of the Paper: French colonialism, maritime trade, environmental history, decoloniality, coastal, urban development, Pondicherry, French India, postcolonial sustainability

III. Preethika R (Online)

Title of the Paper: Colonial Grids and Vanishing Coasts: The Ecological Legacy of French Urban Planning in Pondicherry

IV. Kathirtharsini Parameswaran (Online)

Title of the Paper: Neutral Flags at Sea: Colonial France's Contributions to International Law

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Room 505
Central Block
Fifth floor

Chair: Dr. Raphael
Malangin

Emcee: Abirami

**Paper Presentation Theme 2
Parallel Session 2.2**

I. Nidhi Shukla

Title of the Paper: A French Enclave in Bengal: Chronicling Chandernagore's Economic Pre-eminence from 1731 to 1757

II. Deepa S, Sruthi. S

Title of the Paper: The Franco-Indian Maritime Trade: From The Coromandel to Now

III. Sai Sharanya

Title of the Paper: Rethinking Alliance through Memory and Symbolism: A Study of Franco-Mysorean Diplomatic Letters

DAY 2

30 JANUARY 2026

VENUE: CHRIST University Bannerghatta Road Campus

**9 am- 10:30 am
(IST)**

**4:30 AM - 6:00 AM
(CET)**

Mini Auditorium

Moderator:
Dr. Robert Ivermee

Emcee: Namitha Holla

1. Panel Discussion by Kolkata Society of Asian Studies (KSAS)

- a. **Prof. Debasish Sarkar**, [Affiliation: Principal, Chandernagore College]
Dr. Sujata Das, [Assistant Professor in Sociology, Chandernagore College]
(ONLINE)

Title of the Paper: Heritage of Revolutionary Mobilization in French Chandernagore (c. 1907-1931)

- b. **Dr Abin Chakraborty**, [Affiliation: Assistant Professor and Head, Salboni College.]

Title of the Paper: Heritage as Commons: Exploring Architectural Conservation in Chandernagore

- c. **Sumantra Chakraborty**, [Affiliation: Assistant Professor in Education, Chandernagore College]

Chandana Banerjee, [Affiliation: Assistant Professor in History, Chandernagore College] (ONLINE)

Title of the Paper: Lanterns against Time: The Intangible Heritage of Chandernagore

**10:30 am - 11:00 am (IST)
6:00 AM – 6:30 AM (CET)**

2nd Floor Balcony

T e a B r e a k

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**6:30 AM - 8:30 AM
(CET)**

Seminar Hall

Chair:
Dr. Joshy Mathew

**Paper Presentation Theme 3
Parallel Session 3.1**

I. M. Gobalakichenane

Title of the Paper: Tipu Sultan's ambassadors to Louis XVI of France: a failure?

II. Dr. Pavel Tomar

Title of the Paper: L'Inde Scientifique: Scientific Knowledge, Empire and the French Invention of an "Indian" Tradition in the Eighteenth Century

III. Fathimathu Henna

Title of the Paper: Language and the Gospel: The Impact of French Missionaries on India's Vernacular Literacy

IV. Karen Jean Soans & Dr. Priscilla Namrata Rozario

Title of the Paper: Translating Medicine and Faith: Abbé Dubois in the Cross-Cultural Landscapes of Colonial Karnataka

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Mini Auditorium

Chair: Dr. Abin
Chakraborty

**Paper Presentation Theme 3
Parallel Session 3.2**

I. Mr. Francis Banerjee, Dr. Arindam Das

Title of the Paper: Towards Authenticity Revivals: French Culinary and the making of colonial palates post 1857 in Culinary Jottings for Madras

II. Ari Gautier, Kshama D. Dharwadkar

Title of the Paper: Between Cuisines and Recipes: Culinary Hybridization in Pondicherry

III. Avantika Dharmani, Aryan D Saha

Title of the Paper: Contact-Zones of the French Colonial Expansion in India

IV. Farhana Jasmin P

Title of the Paper: French Influence and Hybrid Identities: Missionary Classrooms as Cultural Crossroads

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Room 507

Chair:
Sumantra Chakraborty

**Paper Presentation Theme 3
Parallel Session 3.3**

I. Sonal Shekhar

Title of the Paper: From Classrooms to Cultural exchanges: Indo-French connection in the city of Patna, Bihar as Instruments of Cognitive Soft Power

II. Sandipan Sen

Title of the Paper: From Madurai to Montesquieu, Jesuit Ethnography, Hindu Law, and the Making of Enlightenment Jurisprudence

III. Jishnu Suresh, Dr. Sheeja Kuriyakose

Title of the Paper: French India as a Revolutionary Sanctuary: Nationalist Networks, Transoceanic Flows and Anti-colonial Politics (1905–1947)

IV. Anurag Karmakar

Title of the Paper: Altar of Empire: Notre-Dame des Anges and French Catholic Spiritualism in Colonial India

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8:30 AM - 9:30 AM (CET)**

Room 207

Chair:
Prof. Debasish Sarkar

(2nd Floor Balcony)

**Paper Presentation Theme 4
Parallel Session 3.4**

I. Rajita Banerjee

Title of the Paper: Franco-Indian Hybridity: Vernacularizing the French Colonial Aesthetic from Puducherry to New Orleans

II. Remya MT

Title of the Paper: Socio-Cultural Impact of Pondicherry under the French East India Company's Rule

III. Madeeha Ahmed, Sayed Aqsa

Title of the Paper: Subverting the Anglophone: Toru Dutt's French Novella and the Politics of Intimacy

Lunch and Networking

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Valedictory Ceremony
Mini Auditorium

Emcee: Namitha Holla

Welcome: Dr. Prerana Srimaal, HoD, Liberal Arts

Felicitation: Dr. Fr. Jossy P. George (Director, Bannerghatta Road Campus)

Felicitation: Dr. Jyothi Kumar (Dean, Bannerghatta Road Campus)

Valedictory Address: Dr. Raphael Malangin, French Institute, Pondicherry. (30-35 mins)

Concluding Remarks: Dr. Anna Varghese

Vote of Thanks: Dr. Priscilla Rozario