



# Caliban Speaks: International Conference on Recentring Indigenous Thought in the Age of Decolonialism and Technology

21st-22nd April 2026

Hosted by  
the Department of English, Faculty of  
Languages & Literature  
International Islamic University  
Islamabad (IIUI)

Venue: Allama Iqbal Auditorium, Faisal  
Campus, E-9, Islamabad.

Dates: 21-22 April, 2026. Format: Hybrid  
(Onsite + Online)

## Conference Aims

- Critically examines the limitations of postcolonial theory in academic and cultural discourse
- Centres Indigenous epistemologies in dialogue with Islamic and Western thought traditions
- Promotes pluriversal hermeneutics as a model of knowledge built on diversity and reciprocity
- Aims to deconstruct colonial residues in literature, pedagogy, curricula, and technology
- Encourages creative, scholarly, and activist expressions rooted in local and ancestral worldviews
- Advocates for transformative curriculum reforms that reflect plural and decolonised knowledge systems
- Brings together academics, artists, educators, and activists for cross-disciplinary dialogue and collaboration





## Objectives

- Interrogate the limits of postcolonial theory and reposition decoloniality as praxis
  - Promote dialogue across Indigenous, Islamic, and Western epistemologies
  - Centre Indigenous language, memory, land, and creativity as knowledge systems
  - Propose curricular reforms to challenge Eurocentric dominance
  - Integrate research, art, and activism for holistic knowledge engagement
  - Strengthen national and transnational decolonial research and teaching networks
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## Significance

- Advances curriculum reform and educational justice
  - Supports locally rooted, decolonised knowledge
  - Bridges tradition, technology, and pedagogy
  - Contributes to policy, creativity, and teaching innovation
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## Key Conference Themes

- Uncanonising the Canon: Literary and curricular disruption
  - Postcolonialism Beyond the Classroom: Rhetoric vs. reality
  - Decolonial Curricula: Symbolism or transformation?
  - Technology and Epistemic Violence: Tools of control or resistance?
  - Indigenous Epistemologies: Land, language, and lineage
  - Islamic-Decolonial Synergies: Knowledge rooted in revelation and resistance
  - Digital Futures: AI, surveillance, and decolonial storytelling
  - Caliban Reimagined: Literary resistance and creative revision
  - Activist Pedagogies: Teaching for epistemic justice
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## Call for Papers / Abstract Submissions

- We invite academics, researchers, artists, and activists to submit:
  - Abstracts (250 words) with a short bio (100 words)
  - Deadline: 20th February'26
  - Notification of Acceptance: 10th March'26
  - Submission Email: [calibanspeaks@iiu.edu.pk](mailto:calibanspeaks@iiu.edu.pk)
  - Presentations may include academic papers, creative performances, pedagogy showcases, or interdisciplinary collaborations.
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## Registration Details

Rs. 1000/- participant

Payment Mode: To be defined

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