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INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON  
**“FASHIONED BODIES:  
COUTURE TO COUNTER-FASHION”**



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The Postgraduate and Research Department of English, Nirmala College, Muvattupuzha, Kerala is privileged to invite you to the third edition of the International Conference on Cultural Studies, “Fashioned Bodies: Couture to Counter-fashion”, which will be conducted on 11 and 12 January 2024. The conference attempts to offer a platform for the scholars to propose, debate and contest the theoretical approaches to fashion and/as culture, and to contribute interpretations and readings of fashion as signification. We express our delight in the feedback received in response to our call for papers, which outlines the varied thematic concerns. We hope the participants will gain from the conference, newer insights in the realm of fashion and cultural studies, reflecting on the nuances of the discourse.

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## PLENARY SPEAKERS



11 January 2024, 10:00 IST  
"FASHIONING MODERNITY:  
AMBEDKAR AND DALITS' SARTORIAL POLITICS"

**Dr. KALYAN KUMAR DAS,**

Assistant Professor, Department of English,  
Presidency University, Kolkata.



11 January 2024, 14:30 IST  
"MALCOLM MCLAREN AND ALAN MOORE'S GRAPHIC NOVEL *FASHION BEAST* AS AN ALLEGORICAL COMMENTARY ON THE FASHION INDUSTRY"

**Dr. MICHAEL A. LANGKJÆR**

External University Lecturer, Saxo Institute,  
University of Copenhagen, Denmark



12 January 2024, 10:00 IST

"EAVESDROPPING INTO THE SOUL OF THE NATION THROUGH THE COSTUME: THE CASE OF SOUTH AFRICA"

**Dr. M E SELEKA**

Head of Department of Language Proficiency/English at Sefako Makgatho Health Sciences University, South Africa



12 January 2024 14:00 IST

"FASHIONING THE CASTE BODIES:  
THE MAKING OF MALAYALI IDENTITY"

**Dr. REJU GEORGE MATHEW**

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Arts and Social Sciences, National Institute of Technology Calicut

## ABOUT THE DEPARTMENT

One of the founding departments of Nirmala College, English Department has travelled along with the college all these years, and envisions interdisciplinary research and fruitful inquiries into life and reality. Our department brings together researchers in graphic novels, children's literature, exile writing, gender studies and disability studies to produce innovative and challenging work.

## ABOUT THE COLLEGE

From catering to students of minority community to being frontrunners in the nation in imparting quality education, Nirmala College is one of the foremost colleges in Kerala with 3158 students and over 137 faculty members spread over seventeen UG programmes, 14 PG programmes and 7 research programmes. The college is accorded the star college status in 2017 by the Dept. of Bio-Technology, Govt. of India, in recognition of the advancements made by the science departments of the college in scientific research. The college was ranked at 91<sup>st</sup> position in NIRF rankings 2017. The college is nationally re-accredited by NAAC with A++ grade with CGPA 3.73 in 2021, which is the highest grade point among affiliated colleges in India, in the fourth cycle of accreditation.



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