

Concept Note on ‘University Dialogue Series’ at Xavier University Bhubaneswar
(UDS@XUB)

Name of the seminar series:

University Dialogue Series (UDS)

Why Dialogue:

The UDS as platform is open to all people who believe in questioning and exploration. Use of the term research symbolically creates a barrier between participants who [will] have research degree and who do not. Taking cue from this, the word ‘dialogue’ is used, which symbolizes primacy to the issue of knowledge sharing and [re]creation, and not to the degree / position one holds. The use of word ‘dialogue’ is influenced by writing of famous educationist Paulo Freire from his book ‘Pedagogy of Oppressed’.

UDS Objective:

The UDS is conceptualized based on the historic tradition of providing space to all people who believe in ‘dialogue’ as an essential and integral part for creation of knowledge and responsible citizens, who are associated with the welfare society at large.

This is the foundation on which Indian and Western (Greek) civilization has evolved, which is expressed well in *NatyaSastra* and concept of *Parrhesia*, respectively. In modern time dialogue is one the most influential pedagogical approach followed in education (as advocated by Paulo Freire) and, crucial instrument for action and characterization (as said by Jean-Paul Sartre’s in his book *The Age of Reason*).

The objective of UDS is to provide space and environment to exchange ideas for creation of better practices and tools for societal transformation. The forum invites young student, doctoral scholar and faculty of XUB, and also scholars and practitioners from outside to share their work / ideas and create a culture of healthy critical feedback.

Invitation and Audience:

The UDS invites interested participants from inside and outside XUB to participate. The UDS espouse two mode – but not limited to – dialogue, viz.,

- i) Speakers are invited to share ideas, work in progress; of practice and scholarly nature,
- ii) Speakers can read classic / contemporary books of areas of their interest.

Note: Speaker has to share a summary / abstract / note with maximum of 500 words well in 10 days advance for distribution / display.

Mode of Presentation:

The presenter/s can share their view on chosen topic for 40 / 50 minutes and 30 /40 minutes will be kept for discussion.

Venue and Time:

The venue is Xavier City Campus at XUB.

The UDS is held twice (2nd and 4th week) every month on Friday at 3.30 pm.

Contact and Coordination:

For participation and query email us at <uds@xub.edu.in>