

ABOUT THE HOST ORGANIZATION - NALANDA UNIVERSITY

Nalanda University is an avant-garde University set up under the Ministry of External Affairs, Govt. of India to revive the glory of ancient Nalanda University and is supported by the 17 countries of the East-Asia Summit. Nalanda has been recognized as an Institution of National Importance. Nalanda University was established to emulate the ancient Buddhist university of Nalanda (Nalanda mahavihara), which functioned between the 5th and 13th centuries. The idea to resurrect Nalanda University was endorsed in 2007 at the 2nd East Asia Summit by the sixteen member countries.

RATIONALE AND BACKGROUND OF THE SEMINAR

Nalanda University, revived as a global center of learning rooted in India's civilizational ethos, stands as a symbol of dialogue, cultural exchange, and knowledge-sharing. In the 21st century, as India redefines its global identity, youth engagement through soft power, diplomacy, and policy innovation is indispensable.

The International Seminar series initiated by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports provides an opportunity to situate Nalanda University at the forefront of these conversations. By integrating India's heritage of knowledge diplomacy with contemporary policy debates, Nalanda can contribute substantively to shaping youth leadership for a multipolar world. "Aano bhadra krtavo yantu vishwatah" (Let noble thoughts come to us from all directions) this timeless Vedic ideal underpins Nalanda's philosophy of open dialogue and cross-cultural learning.

CALL FOR PAPERS

Young Scholars, practitioners, and policymakers below the age of 35 years from around the world are invited to submit original research papers based on the themes given in theme section. The following are illustrative of the scope of the seminar and are not meant to be exhaustive.

IMPORTANT DATES

FEBRUARY 24, 2026

Extended Abstract
submission
deadline

FEBRUARY 28, 2026

Abstract review and
acceptance
notification

FEBRUARY 20, 2026

Confirmation of
keynote speakers
and panelists

MARCH 26-28, 2026

Seminar execution

MAY-JUNE 2026

Publication of conference
proceedings / edited
volume

Accommodation and Travel

Accommodation and travel for participants whose papers will be accepted for the presentation will be supported by the Host (Nalanda University).



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