

# ASSOCIATION OF THIRD WORLD STUDIES - SOUTH ASIA CHAPTER (ATWS-SAC)

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## TWENTY EIGHTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR

ON

‘Geo-Political, Economic and  
Cultural Perspectives of Developing Countries’

**Date : 28 - 30 May 2026**



In collaboration with

Government College for Women  
Department of History  
Thiruvananthapuram.



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Venue : Assembly Hall  
Government College for Women  
Thiruvananthapuram

Dear Sir / Madam,

With great happiness we announce the 28th Annual Conference and International Seminar of the Association of Third World Studies - South Asia Chapter to be hosted and sponsored by the Department of History, Government College for Women Thiruvananthapuram. Dr. Swapna Kumar K, Associate Professor and Head, Department of History, Government College for Women, Thiruvananthapuram (Mob : 9497060147) has agreed to be the Local Secretary. Dr. Manoj K. Associate Professor, Department of History, Government College for Women will be the Convenor of the Local Organising Committee.(Mob : 6282259026)

### **Government College for Women, Thiruvananthapuram**

Government College for Women, Thiruvananthapuram is a prestigious institution that has to its credit, a history of about 125 years of excellence in the field of women's education and is a pioneering institution in the field of higher education. It is the sixth oldest college in Kerala and one of the oldest colleges for women in the country. Founded as the Sircar Girl's School in 1864 by the Royal family of Travancore, it was later elevated to the status of a First grade college and was renamed as H.H. The Maharaja's College for Women. The Govt. College for Women was established in 1897 with a clear mission to provide women with a modern, liberal education and thus to transform society and the nation. The college is committed to the ideas of liberal education and recognizes the fact that times have changed so that it must adapt and evolve to keep up with the rapidly changing world. So The College addresses the needs of the society through providing quality non-formal education also.

### **ATWS - South Asia Chapter**

The international multi-disciplinary organization of the Association of Third World Studies Inc. (now renamed as Association of Global South Studies) founded in 1983 by Harold Issacs, Professor of History, University of Georgia, U.S.A. has become the largest global professional organization, with its chapters all over the world. Dr. Isaih Azariah, Professor of History of Albany State University, during his tenure as a Visiting Professor to the University of Kerala, registered on June 10th 1995 a South Asia Chapter of ATWS at Bengaluru (ATWS-SAC).

ATWS-SAC also being a multi-disciplinary organisation has its main objective of providing an open forum facilitating professional and social communication by bringing together persons interested in studies of issues of the Developing countries. For the past twenty seven years, it could without interruption organise annual conferences, workshops as well as national and international seminars, collaborating with academic institutions and agencies striving towards the betterment of society. Genuine research and publication on problems such as environmental protection, sustainable development, socio - economic issues of South Asia, cultural harmony and uplift and empowerment of the marginalised, have been taken up.

### **Release of Books:**

ATWS - SAC from the beginning has provided venue for the release and publication of books and monographs by budding scholars in different disciplines. In its Silver Jubilee Conference it has released a *Festschrift* in honour and memory of Dr.(Prof.) K.Sadasivan, its past Secretary. The book has subsequently been published by the Association.

### **Excellence Award**

ATWS - SAC has also instituted an Excellence Award to a person dedicated to the cause of peace, prosperity, culture or social service. The award is instituted in honour of our late President Mrs. Helen Azariah whose life was dedicated to the service of the destitutes and differently abled.

### **ATWS-SAC Journal**

The Association has already released seven volumes of its journal with ISSN. The Eighth issue is expected to be released during the forthcoming Conference and will be published later as a Peer Reviewed journal as per UGC norms.

We, the office bearers of ATWS-SAC along with the respective authorities of The Department of History, Government College for Women, Thiruvananthapuram, the Local Secretary, the Organising committee and co-ordinators take this opportunity to extend to you a cordial invitation to participate in the XXVIIIth Annual Conference and International Seminar of the Association. It will definitely offer a common platform for multi-disciplinary practitioners where valuable suggestions for the betterment of life in Developing countries can be offered. We anticipate to meeting you at the proposed Conference and Seminar.

## Membership

As an international forum ATWS-SAC enrolls as members from among the academic community as well as the public who are interested in the problems afflicting Developing nations of South Asia. Members of the following categories are admitted.

<b>Life ₹ 3,000/- (INR)</b>	<b>Institutional ₹ 5000/- (INR)</b>	<b>Teachers and Public Annual ₹ 500 /- (INR) Research Scholars &amp; Students ₹ 100 /- (INR)</b>
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Membership Fee may be remitted by a Demand Draft payable at **Canara Bank**, Trivandrum Cantonment Branch, Spencer Jn., MG Road, Thiruvananthapuram - 695039, favouring Treasurer, ATWS - South Asia Chapter or at the Conference Venue in person to the Treasurer. Two passport size photos to be submitted along with Life Membership form duly filled to the Treasurer or any office bearer of ATWS-SAC, so that Identity Cards or Certificates may be issued in due course. Life Membership forms can be either downloaded from our website or had from the Office bearers.

Membership Fee can also be transferred online as follows

Beneficiary Name : ASSOCIATION OF THIRD WORLD STUDIES - SOUTH ASIA CHAPTER

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## Accommodation and Registration

Participants are requested to ensure their accommodation during the Conference and seminar period, through payment of the Registration fee as stipulated below on or before **11th May 2026**. They are requested to indicate their requirements regarding accommodation in the accompanying form.

### Registration Fee

Teachers & Public (Needing Accommodation) - Rs. 3500/- (INR)

Local Participants (Teachers & Public) - Rs. 2500/- (INR)

Research scholars & Students - Rs. 2500/- (INR)

(Needing Accommodation)

Research Scholars (Local) - Rs. 1500/- (INR)

Students (Local) - Rs. 700/- (INR)

SAARC Countries - US \$ 38/-

Non- SAARC Countries - US \$200

Persons can join as **Patrons** of the Association with payment of Rs. 5000 (INR) onwards

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**Mailing Address of the Treasurer : Dr. Jithin Sankar**, 'Manjusha', (Kannanchira), Mathil Bhagam, Thiruvalla, Kerala, Pin : 689101. **Ph : 9544416170**

Registration fee can also be transferred online. **For Online payment** the details will be as following;

**Beneficiary Name: Association of Third World Studies, South Asia Chapter** (Registration Fee for 28th Annual Conference and International Seminar) (ATWS-SAC)

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**On Payment participants should sent the screenshot of it to the Treasurer.**

**Last date of receipt of DD / Online Payment, will be 11 May 2026.**

### Themes for Seminar

The main theme of this year's seminar will be '**The Geo-Political Economic and Cultural Perspectives of Developing Countries**'.

There are also sub themes as:

#### a) **Environmental Problems**

- Environmental Degradation, Ecological, Imbalance, Natural Calamities and Imperativeness of Awareness and Action

- Urban Planning and Flood Management
- Climate Pathways, Renewable Energy and Production of Bio-fuel as the fuel for future
- Waste Management : Lessons from the past and future trends
- Environmental Ethics, Laws and Protection of Human Rights and man-animal boundaries.

#### **b) Science and Technology**

- Advances of Science and Technology in Third World Countries - Sciences, Engineering, Space Technology, Biotechnology, Agriculture and fisheries.
- Technological Revolution- Advances in Artificial Intelligence, Robotics and Networking

#### **c) Health and Medicine**

- Health planning for the marginalised - the Rural, Tribal and slum areas
- Disability as a Development Issue - Towards a Third World Discourse.
- Relevance and contributions of Traditional Medicinal Systems in spheres of health preservation
- South Asian Marketing trends in traditional medicine

#### **d) Political Issues**

- Contemporary Polity and Society in South Asia and the impact of the Middle Eastern war.
- Global Crisis of Social democracy and inclusive development efforts in India.
- Vote Bank politics and unresolved problems of the marginalised.
- Neo Liberalism and cultural Nationalism - Impact on Indian Political Ideology.

#### **e) Economic Trends**

- Emerging Trends in Indian Economy, markets and human capital.
- Impact of Digital economy in Indian financial sector.
- Strategic human resource management
- Understanding India's Investment landscape and the role of foreign capital.
- New thrust in Entrepreneurship, women entrepreneurs and economic growth

#### **f) Sociological, Psychological and Gender Issues**

- Continuing menace of violence against women and minors : voice for sociological, psychological and urgent legal correctives.
- Rural women Empowerment programmes in India - problems and prospects
- Eldercare - Mental Health and challenges in Indian Health Sector
- Tribal Situation in 21st Century - the South Asian scenario.
- National and International imperative of curbing the drug - liquor mafia and saving the perishing generations.

#### **g) Educational and Legal Questions**

- Trends in Higher Education, student migrations and the social situation
- Teacher interventions for the visually challenged High school and Higher Secondary students in India in developing learning models with adaptive softwares.
- Indian Constitution, Women and Religion
- Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) and legal revamping

#### **h) History, Archaeology and Literature**

- Historicizing people's struggles and Movements for an equitable society
- Traditional knowledge systems of India - the legacy and relevance.
- Decolonization concepts reflected in historical writings
- Postcolonial Fallacy in Literature and Aesthetics
- Rationalist thought and Decolonizing trends in South Asian Literature
- Need for Revamping spheres of Archaeological research and Epigraphical Readings - The Indian context

#### **i) Music, Art, Religion and Philosophy**

- Developments in Music, Theater, Cinema and performing arts in South Asia
- Retrieval and reinterpretations of the artistic and aesthetic traditions of South Asia
- Debates on the traditional knowledge, art and belief systems of the tribes of India
- Conquering communalism through the universal philosophy of Sree Narayana Guru of Kerala.
- Legacy of Martial Art Forms - The Indian Context.

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**Call for Papers**

Papers are invited on any one of the above themes. Scholars are requested to send the abstract of their paper in not more than 100 words by **2nd May 2026** in the email : **atwssac@gmail.com**. Date for acceptance of the same will be **5th May 2026**. Copy of full paper also to be sent in email : **atwssac@gmail.com** to be selected and published. One hard copy of the full paper has to be submitted on the day of commencement of the seminar to **Dr. P. Vasumathi Devi**, Vice-President and Programme Chairperson, ATWS-SAC. Papers should be neatly computed in about 10 pages, double space on A4 size paper with adequate references following Chicago Style Sheet. Authors are requested to use endnotes instead of footnotes and papers should contain the author's mailing address, mobile number and email ID. Papers containing original research will be selected to be published in the **Journal of ATWS - SAC** based on the evaluation of a Peer Review Committee.

**Book Release**

Scholars who wish to release their monographs / books at the inaugural ceremony of the Conference should contact **Dr. G. Gopikrishnan**, Associate Professor and Head, Dept. of History, NSS Hindu College, Changanassery, Kottayam, Kerala, (Secretary, ATWS-SAC). Ph: 9495519339

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**Climate :** During the last week of May, there will be a pre-monsoon weather in Kerala with moderate heat and humidity reaching upto 34s<sup>o</sup>c, with occasional pre-monsoon showers. Night Temperature will be 20 - 25<sup>o</sup> c.

### Post-Conference Tour

Thiruvananthapuram situated to the southern side of the state of Kerala is renowned as God's own country with the famous Sree Padmanabha Swami temple and the royal palace of Former Travancore Maharajas. Kovalam, the internationally reputed sea-shore and beach is very near by with the Vizhinjam Port at full swing in the vicinity. The Ponmudi Hills, Varkala Beaches, Sivagiri, the wild life sanctuary of Thekkady all are situated at travelling distances. The former residence of Travancore kings - Padmanabhapuram palace, Sucheendram Temple of Thrimurthis and the most famous Kanyakumari Devi Temple at the confluence of the three seas all are worth seeing. One day tour can be conducted to the select places for the interested Delegates. **Those who are interested may contact Dr. Nandakumar, Ph : 9746104834 or Dr. Jithin Shankar , Ph : 9544416170 on or before 20th May 2026.**