

Message from Teacher in Charge

It is a privilege to present this volume of peer-reviewed research articles emerging from *Dialego 2025–2026*, the Annual Students' Meet and National Conference, organised by the Department of Political Science, Loreto College, which this year focused on the theme of Gender and Politics. This proceedings volume represents the culmination of rigorous academic exchange, bringing together diverse scholarly perspectives that engage critically with contemporary questions of gender, power, identity, and structural inequality.

The conference provided an important intellectual platform for interdisciplinary dialogue, where academicians, researchers, and young students came together to explore the complexities of gendered experiences across social, political, cultural, and institutional contexts. The selected papers reflect this spirit of engagement, offering nuanced and empirically grounded analyses of issues such as gender-based violence, political representation, foreign policy, digital feminism, LGBTQIA+ rights, intersectionality, and state mechanisms of governance and control.

Collectively, the contributions underscore that gender is not a singular or static category but a dynamic field shaped by intersecting structures of power and resistance. The articles included in this volume demonstrate how contemporary scholarship continues to interrogate dominant narratives while amplifying marginalized voices and lived realities.

Each paper has undergone a rigorous peer-review process, ensuring academic integrity, methodological soundness, and scholarly relevance. This volume thus stands as a testament

to the commitment of the academic community to uphold standards of excellence while fostering critical and socially engaged research.

I extend my sincere gratitude to Dr. Sayoni Choudhuri Patra, Head of the Department, whose vision, leadership, and sustained efforts were instrumental in the successful organisation and publication of *Dialogue 2025–2026*. Her commitment to advancing scholarly inquiry and academic collaboration has been central to the realization of this proceedings volume. I also acknowledge the contributors, reviewers, and members of the organising committee, whose collective dedication has made this publication possible.

It is my hope that this volume will serve not only as a scholarly resource but also as an invitation for further reflection, dialogue, and research on the evolving contours of gender and society.

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