

**First HELE India Conference, 2022**

# **“Archiving Texts, Textualising History: Textbooks and Pedagogy of English”**

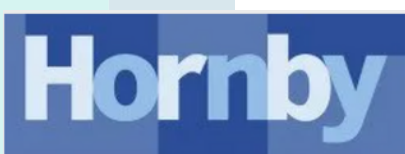
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## **CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENT & CALL FOR PAPERS**

### **Brief Background**

The history of English language education (HELE) in India begins as early as the 18th century. The colonial contact between the Dutch, French, British and the Indians not only gave rise to various language contact situations but also diverse language genres in many foreign and Indian languages. The colonial linguistic landscape was a vast field for experimentation, oriental curiosity, and linguistic commerce. The 19th century also saw the birth of colonial press, censorship, mass public instruction, proselytization and reforms in higher education. However, the colonial education historiography remains an under-explored area of study, in spite of these complex and dynamic socio-historical, religious, political and economic Indo-Anglicist convergences. Archiving, analysing and writing the history of colonial English language and the pedagogic processes in India during the long colonial era need to be discussed and widely researched. The first HELE India conference is a modest response to this need and is an attempt to boost discussions and research around HELE in India.

### **About the HELE India Group**

It is a voluntary, informal and open group of academics and researchers interested in HELE in India. The group, which aspires to evolve into a vibrant community of people interested in HELE, aims at promoting historiographical research in ELE, documenting and conserving valuable historical resources, encouraging and supporting dissemination, sharing and development of knowledge base in HELE in India. Anyone with a serious interest in HELE is welcome to join the group.

### **Call for Papers**

This conference aims to bring together researchers, students, scholars, teachers, and educationists who are interested in joining the collective discussions and explorations in HELE. Proposals are invited to present papers on the following topics and any related sub-topics:

#### **Conference sub-themes**

- Histories of education, pedagogic processes, policies, textbooks and other material.
- Methods and strategies of historiographic research.
- Impact of other colonial traditions, languages on colonial Indian pedagogy.
- Theorising colonial Indian education historiography.
- Colonial intersections: press, education, and public reforms.
- Missionary and other alternative forms of colonial Indian education.
- Relevance of historical research for ELE in India.

Any other topics related to the themes mentioned above or to other aspects of HELE may also be considered.

## Submission of Proposals

- Papers will be of 20 minutes duration including audience interaction.
- Proposals must be in the prescribed *Presentation Proposal Form* (link below) and include a 150-word abstract and 30-word presenter bio(s).
- All proposals will be subject to scrutiny and editorial review. Presenters may be asked to make revisions, if necessary, by the Review Committee.
- In case a large number of papers are recommended by the Review Committee, only selected papers may be invited for in-person presentation at the conference. However, all accepted papers will be included in the conference publication.
- Deadline for submitting proposals is *20 October 2022*.
- On acceptance of proposals, full papers may be submitted by *20 November 2022*.

[Click here for the Presentation Proposal Form.](#)

## Participant Registration

- Registration as a delegate is required for participation in the conference. Please complete and submit the *Delegate Registration Form* (link below) for registering as a delegate.
- Link for the payment of delegate fee is included in the form itself.
- Please note that only a limited number of delegate places are available and will be given on first-come-first-served basis.
- Delegate registration will close on 20 November 2022.

## Delegate fees

- Students of a recognised institution – Rs. 1500 (Please upload scanned copy of student ID.)
- Others – Rs. 2000

[Click here for the Delegate Registration Form.](#)

## Important Dates

- Deadline for proposals submission – 20 October 2022
- Feedback on submissions – 30 October 2022
- Submission of full papers by – 20 November 2022
- Registration of participants closes – 20 November 2022

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