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The Head  
Department of English  
University of Delhi

11/07/2017

Madam/Sir,

The Department of English, Jadavpur University, is organizing a two-day national conference under the CAS III Programme titled "Ageing, Ageism and Cultures".

Enclosed with this letter is the conference poster containing the Concept Note and invitation and guidelines for submitting abstracts.

We would be very grateful if you kindly put this up on your notice boards or circulate it otherwise, as you deem fit.

Thank you.

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A TWO-DAY NATIONAL CONFERENCE  
UNDER THE CAS III PROGRAMME ON

# AGEING, AGEISM AND CULTURES

DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH  
CENTRE OF ADVANCED STUDY  
JADAVPUR UNIVERSITY  
21 - 22 SEPTEMBER 2017

## CONCEPT NOTE:

This conference seeks to address discourses of ageing and ageism, taking off from the pioneering work of Robert N. Butler, who observed it is non-normative, vis-a-vis youth, based on the assumption that the majority is not old. As death came to be reconceptualized as “an internal phenomenon of the body” (Vincent 2006), the ageing body acquired negative connotations. Stereotyping and prescriptive behaviour associate ageing with austerities and deviations are frowned upon.

But the lines between the ageing and the young may also be drawn by the elderly, who may hold youth responsible for their perceived redundancy (Segal 2013). Empowered to a certain degree by associations of wisdom and experience, old age is not altogether void of agency.

This conference will address the many dimensions of ageing, including the four ways gerontologists suggest it can be viewed, i.e. chronologically, biologically, psychologically and socially. Representational politics in cultural texts - literary, cinematic, theatrical or in the media generally, may be used to understand the sociology of ageing. Abstracts (of not more than 250 words) are invited. For the full concept note visit us at [www.juenglish.org](http://www.juenglish.org) or find us on Facebook.

Themes may include but need not be restricted to: Ageism and the body • Cultural constructions of old age • Ageing: victimhood or empowerment? • Market economies of ageing and neoliberal discourses of ageism • Gendering ageing • Ageing and queer lives • Ageing and expatriation • Ageing, kinship and intergenerational conflict • Ageing and death • Managing ageing and care ethics • Development of Gerontology as a discipline

Last date of submission of abstracts: **1 August 2017.**

Submission of full-papers before the conference: Optional.

Abstracts should be sent to both coordinators, **Kaustav Bakshi** and **Paromita Chakravarti**: [kaustav\\_259@yahoo.com](mailto:kaustav_259@yahoo.com), [chakravarti6@gmail.com](mailto:chakravarti6@gmail.com)

Selection of abstracts is subject to blind peer review. Selected presenters shall be informed by **15 August 2017.**