

Inviting Papers for a Special Issue on: ‘Sexuality in 21st Century’

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Dear Colleagues,

We are planning to bring the next issue of **INDIAN JOURNAL OF HEALTH, SEXUALITY AND CULTURE (IJHSC)** [ISSN: 2581-575X] on the theme ‘**Sexuality in 21st Century**’. The Journal aims to attract and engage a broad range of audience from diverse fields across the globe, with special focus on India and South Asia. In this regard, we request you to contribute original article/mini-review/empirical work/conceptual essay.

You can see the details at the link: <https://iisb.org>

The article format should be as per the guidelines available at:

<https://www.iisb.org/pdf/Guidelines-for-Authors.pdf>

Introduction

Indian Journal of Health, Sexuality and Culture is being published with thematic issues on ‘Human Sexuality’ since its inception. Till date, various issues on thematic areas like – developmental sexuality, sexual abuse, sex education, sexual transmitted diseases, homosexuality and transgender issues, sexual dysfunctions and disorders, sexuality in digital era, COVID-19 and sexuality, addiction and sexuality, marriage and sexuality, and SDGs and sexual health have been published. IJHSC has continued to act as a catalyst in continued debates and discourses on gender and sexuality in the Indian and global context.

Objective

In the 21st century, discussions surrounding sexuality have gradually evolved. The current discourse delves into the understanding of human diversity and the need for inclusivity. We have been recognizing that sexuality exists on a spectrum rather than within rigid categories. As society becomes more attuned to the intricacies of individual experiences, a broader range of sexual orientations and gender identities are being acknowledged. Technology and globalization have played pivotal roles in shaping the contemporary landscape of sexuality. Social media platforms provide spaces for open dialogue, fostering communities that amplify diverse voices and experiences. The internet facilitates access to information, challenging traditional norms and fostering a more informed and tolerant society.

Across the globe, legal frameworks are being challenged or modified to adapt to these changing perspectives. Many jurisdictions have started recognizing and protecting the rights of individuals regardless of their sexual orientation. At other places, human rights movements advocating for LGBTQ+ rights have gained momentum, contributing to increased acceptance and visibility. However, challenges persist, including social discrimination, institutional stigma and disparities in healthcare accessibility. Ongoing conversations on sexuality in the 21st century emphasize the need for dispelling stereotypes, and creating environments that embrace the rich tapestry of human sexuality. While the society continues to evolve, we also need to

upscale our understanding and acceptance of the diverse expressions of human sexuality, so that we can contribute through clinics, research and policy making in creating a positive difference in this changing society.

Theme

Topics of interest include, but are not limited to:

1. Sexual fluidity: The diversity and continuum of sexuality
2. Fetishism: Deviant desires or disorders
3. Sexual health and sexual behaviour: The changing trends
4. Sexuality and society: How they affect each other?
5. The evolution of commercial sex: What's new in 21st century?
6. Sexuality: Why should we talk about awareness, education, rights and laws
7. Same sex marriages: Role of mental health professionals in advocacy and care
8. 21st century sexuality: Is the stigma going down?
9. Sexuality in the digital era

Submission Procedure

Academics, clinicians, researchers, policymakers, human rights advocates, and members of civil society are invited to submit Full Articles (Draft) by **29th February 2024**. Articles should be based on original research or represent an innovative contribution to the field. Manuscripts should be between 4000 and 6000 words, including abstract, references, tables, and figures. All submissions must be in English and follow the Journal's guidelines for formatting and referencing.

All submitted articles, except the 'Invited Commentaries' will be subjected to double-blind peer review, by two eminent experts working in the area. **They will be subsequently accepted only after the due recommendation of the reviewers (if they score 7/10).**

All articles will be checked for plagiarism. **Only articles below 10% 'Similarity Score' shall be accepted for peer-review.**

There are **no Submission or Acceptance fees** for manuscripts submitted to this journal.

In any event, a period of a maximum of 15 days will be allowed to make changes and return the article, failing which the article will be treated as withdrawn. No request for an extension in this regard shall be considered due to the tight timeline for publication. After the articles have met all the requirements, they will be placed in the Journal following the editorial process.

Starting from June 2023 issue, IJHSC is adopting the Vancouver style of referencing.

All submission / correspondence should be directed to **Editor in-Chief, Indian Journal of Health, Sexuality and Culture**

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For further information and submission guidelines, please visit our website www.iisb.org