

National Seminar on Structuralism, Post-Structuralism, and After



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Dear Sir/Ma'am,

We are delighted to inform you that the Department of English, St Berchmans College, is organising a one-day national seminar titled "Structuralism, Post-Structuralism, and After" on 06 January 2026.

We cordially invite you to take part in this academic event and contribute to its scholarly discussions.

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The Passage from Structuralism to Post-Structuralism

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Decentering, Dissemination and Differance: The Derridean Project of Deconstruction

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CALL FOR PAPERS

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Date: **06 January 2026 (Tuesday)**

Venue: **Cardinal Padiyara Hall
St Berchmans College
Changanacherry**

The Department of English, St Berchmans College, is pleased to invite papers for a one-day seminar titled “Structuralism, Post-Structuralism, and After”.

The mid-twentieth century witnessed a reconfiguration of intellectual thought across Europe. In the aftermath of World War II, thinkers sought new systems of understanding that could impose order on the apparent chaos of modern existence. This pursuit found expression in Structuralism, which proposed that meaning, culture, and social life were governed by deep, universal structures. Drawing from Ferdinand de Saussure's linguistics, Structuralists such as Claude Lévi-Strauss, Roland Barthes, and Louis Althusser applied this model to anthropology, literature, and ideology. For a moment, Structuralism appeared to offer a scientific method for decoding the hidden grammars of human culture.

However, by the late 1960s, the stability promised by Structuralism began to fragment. The political upheavals of 1968, the interrogative stance of Marxism, and the rise of new intellectual energies marked the beginning of Poststructuralism. Thinkers like Jacques Derrida, Michel Foucault, and Jacques Lacan questioned the very premises of Structuralism—its claims to totality, its faith in order, and its reliance on binary oppositions. Derrida's concept of *différance* and Foucault's analyses of power and knowledge revealed language and meaning to be fluid, unstable, and historically contingent.

Poststructuralism thus transformed the intellectual landscape of the late twentieth century. It not only challenged the notion of a coherent subject and a stable text but also inspired new critical movements - from feminisms and postcolonialism to queer theory and cultural studies - each rethinking identity, history, and power through the lens of language and difference. This seminar seeks to revisit and rethink this crucial intellectual transition - from the structural search for order to the poststructural embrace of indeterminacy - as a defining moment in the humanities and social sciences.

We invite original, unpublished research papers from faculty members, research scholars, and postgraduate students that engage with the central theme of the seminar. Papers may address, but need not be limited to, the following thematic areas:

Sub-themes may include:

Saussurean linguistics and the foundations of Structuralism

Lévi-Strauss and the structural study of myth

Roland Barthes: from *Mythologies* to “The Death of the Author”

Althusser, ideology, and structural Marxism

Derrida and the deconstruction of the center

Foucault, discourse, power, and the archaeology of knowledge

Lacan and the re-reading of Freud

Poststructuralism and its influence on feminism, postcolonialism, and queer theory

The politics of interpretation

Applying theory to literary and cultural texts

Contemporary legacies and critiques of Poststructuralism

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Submission Guidelines

- ▶ Abstracts should be 250–300 words in length and accompanied by a short biographical note (50 words).
- ▶ Each abstract document should include the full title of the paper, name of the author, institutional affiliation, contact email, and 4–5 relevant keywords.
- ▶ Abstracts must be submitted via the link provided in the brochure.

Important Dates

- ▶ Abstract Submission: 18 December 2025
- ▶ Notification of Abstract Acceptance: 20 December 2025
- ▶ Full paper submission: 04 January 2026
(Full papers should adhere to MLA (9th edition) formatting guidelines)
- ▶ Selected papers will be published in an ISSN journal after the conference.
- ▶ Last date of registration and fee payment: 31 December 2025
- ▶ Seminar Date: 06 January 2026

Registration Fee:

	Participation Only	Paper Presentation
BA/MA Students	₹ 300/-	₹ 500/-
PhD Scholars/Independent Researchers	₹ 500/-	₹ 500/-
Faculty Members	₹ 1000/-	₹ 1000/-

The registration fee includes lunch and refreshments. All participants and paper presenters will receive a certificate of participation/presentation.

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