



*5th Annual Indian Network for Memory Studies (INMS) Conference
In association with Centre for Memory Studies (CMS)*

Memory, Narrative Designs, and Strategies of Preservation

27-29 October 2025, IIT Madras

The 5th annual INMS Conference aims to examine the interface of narrativity and heritage through the lenses of memory studies. It plans to produce a platform that is dialogic with complex modes of narration and strategies of preservation apropos of heritage, identity, and how the same may be imagined and instrumentalised through material markers, affective apparatus, and discursive designs. Relevant also for the conference are the ecological and sustainable qualities of heritage and how those may be preserved, curated, and calibrated using contemporary discourses from memory studies, fiction, aesthetics, policies, and technology. Drawing on research in cultural studies, heritage studies, security and sustainability studies, science and technology studies, and neuroscience, the 5th memory studies conference organized by INMS, in association with CMS, and hosted at IIT Madras features the following plenary speakers on each of the three days

- Professor Andrew Hoskins (University of Edinburgh)
- Professor Alex Easton (Durham University)
- Professor Benedikt Hjartarson (University of Iceland)

We invite abstracts (<300 words) on topics including but not limited to

- Memory, narrative modes, and identity-iteration
- Memory, preservation, and forms of forgetting
- Memory, affect, and fictions on collective reconstruction
- Memory, media, and reception of heritage markers
- Memory, psychological states, and experiential contexts
- Memory, monuments, and digitality
- Memory, history, and teaching heritage in classrooms

Important dates for the conference:

Deadline for submission of abstracts 16 June 2025

Intimation of acceptance 31 July 2025

Deadline for registration 20 August 2025

Selected presenters can register in any of the following categories:

- Delegates with in-campus accommodation (limited to 50 participants on a first-register basis). Registration fee INR 9000 or USD 100. This will include accommodation on a sharing basis at the IITM guesthouse for three nights, conference kits, coffee and snacks twice each day at the conference venue, conference lunch each day.
- Delegates without in-campus accommodation -Registration fee INR 5000 or USD 60. This will include conference kits, coffee and snacks twice each day at the conference venue, conference lunch each day.
- Delegates presenting online - Registration fee INR 3000 or USD 30
Online delegates will have access to all plenary speakers' lectures

Submit your abstracts by
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**** Selected presentations may be invited to contribute subsequently with full articles for a special issue of *Memory, Mind & Media* journal published by Cambridge University Press ****