Palimpsest: Journal of Interdisciplinary Studies

This issue of the journal focuses on the overarching theme, "**Liberate**". The concept of liberation is envisioned broadly, encompassing social, cultural, psychological, economic, technological, and educational dimensions. This wide-ranging perspective encourages multidisciplinary submissions that align with the core theme, while also welcoming explorations beyond these areas. This issue aims to foster dynamic and diverse scholarship across disciplines, inviting contributions from fields such as **Literature, Media Studies, Commerce, Social Work, Sociology, Education, Philosophy, Science and Technology, and the Arts**.

Its broad scope encourages multi- disciplinary submissions aligned with the core theme, while also accepting explorations beyond these outlined areas, including related sub-themes such as:

Literature and Cultural Studies

- Literature as liberation, resistance and transformation
- Narratives of the marginalized and subaltern
- Postcolonial, Feminist, and Ecocritical Approaches to Liberation
- Literature as socio-political liberation and expression
- Digital humanities and democratizing literary scholarship
- Language liberation and linguistic diversity preservation

Media and Communication

- Freedom of Expression in Media
- Liberation through Literary Adaptations in Film, Animation, and Digital Forms
- Social Media Activism and Digital Storytelling
- Independent and citizen journalism as participatory media liberation
- Democratizing media ownership and breaking monopolistic control
- Censorship resistance and alternative media networks
- Inclusive and accessible media for diverse communities

Social Sciences and Humanities

- Sociology of Oppression and Emancipation
- Political movements and grassroots liberation
- Historical recovery of suppressed narratives
- Migration studies and refugee liberation
- Gender studies and breaking patriarchal structures

- Critical race theory and anti-racism movements

Commerce and Economics

- Financial inclusion and digital innovation for market liberation
- Consumer rights empowerment and sustainable consumption practices
- Entrepreneurial ecosystems and minority business liberation
- Workforce flexibility and workplace equity advancement
- Technological innovation through AI, blockchain, and open-source liberation
- Sustainable development and commercial knowledge democratization

Social Work and Development Studies
- Community liberation through participatory development and bottom-up social change
- Child liberation from exploitation and protection of vulnerable populations
- Liberation from addiction through recovery and rehabilitation interventions
- Age liberation promoting dignity and autonomy for elderly communities
- Liberation from domestic violence and breaking cycles of abuse
- Liberation from homelessness through housing justice and disability rights advocacy

Psychology and Mental Health

- Liberation from trauma through informed therapy and healing approaches
- Cultural liberation and identity affirmation in psychological practice
- Liberation from mental health stigma and discriminatory practices
- Community-based liberation and grassroots mental health interventions
- Liberation psychology fostering social transformation and human flourishing
- Cognitive liberation through neurodiversity acceptance and technology-assisted therapeutic innovation

Science and Technology
- Scientific liberation through open research access and breaking academic gatekeeping
- Technological liberation via ethical AI and algorithmic transparency
- Medical liberation through biotechnology innovations and healing advancement
- Environmental liberation using climate science and justice-oriented solutions
- Research liberation through citizen science and indigenous knowledge integration
- STEM liberation promoting accessibility, diversity, and public scientific understanding
- Techno-human interfaces and digital freedom
- Surveillance, data privacy, and autonomy

Education and Pedagogy

- Liberation through critical pedagogy and emancipatory learning practices
- Educational liberation via inclusive accessibility and special needs accommodation
- Curricular liberation through decolonizing academic spaces and indigenous knowledge integration
- Technological liberation democratizing learning through digital platforms and open resources
- Adult liberation through second-chance education and lifelong learning opportunities
- Structural liberation by breaking educational hierarchies and promoting student-centered participatory models