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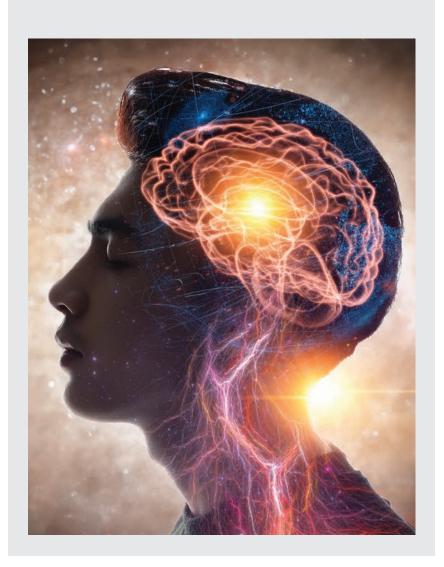
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Jindal School of Psychology & Counselling - Events & Updates





Greetings,

At the conclusion of the 2022-23 academic year, I am pleased to provide an update on the Jindal School of Psychology and Counselling (JSPC). We successfully completed our second year of instruction, and the first full year as a residential programme on the Jindal Global University (JGU) campus. The ability to directly engage has proven highly fortuitous for both students and faculty, engendering a sense of community across the school.

The past semester, JSPC students had numerous opportunities to learn about psychology beyond the classroom, with many seminars and conferences hosted by the school. This includes the second round of the Bharat Panchal Dialogues, a series of round-table discussions-in collaboration with Fortis Mental Health-on important matters related to psychology and counselling. We heard from multiple faculty members via the Faculty in the Spotlight series, wherein professors present their research to all members of the JGU community. Importantly, students also had the opportunity to discuss their own research during the biannual Bridging the Gap series.

There were also plenty of opportunities for students to engage and interact throughout the year. The International Day of Happiness was commemorated with the Raunaq festival, while the importance of self-love was celebrated with the Hues of Cupid event. Both events, and many others, were well attended, permitting all students on campus to learn about psychology and engage in some old-fashioned fun and merriment.

Academically, we recently instituted the Honour's Thesis programme. Working with a faculty mentor, fifteen third-year students will design an experiment and collect data based on their own working hypotheses. This is a great opportunity to gain hands-on research experience, bolstering each student's research abilities and CV. The thesis will be completed by the end of next year and, ideally, some will ultimately be published in peer-review journals.

The school also provided opportunities for students to travel and study abroad. Applications were accepted for students wishing to do a semester abroad at many eminent institutions, such as Berkeley, University of California, University of Wisconsin, Madison, University of Liverpool, St. Petersburg University, and many more. For the first time, students also applied for our dual-degree programme with James Cook University, Singapore (JCUS). At the end of four years, student graduates will earn degrees from both JSPC and JCUS. Moving forward, many more opportunities with international institutes of higher learning will be established.

Student elections were held this past spring for Student Council. Many outstanding students from both batches ran for office, illustrating the enthusiasm and drive of the student body. In the end, five positions were filled by Suhaani Manektala (President), Vanshika Mehta (Vice-President), Arushi Kapoor (Cultural Secretary), Sarmishta Bhardwaj (General Secretary), and Yashmin Goyal (Treasurer).

On the experimental side, JSPC established two

new research centres. The Centre for Neurodiversity Studies (CNS) was launched as a venture between **JSPC** members - Profs. Deepali Taneja and Poornima Viswanathan— and the Jindal Global Law School (JGLS). Originally launched in 2021, the Emotion and Cognition Research Centre was reorganized and reinaugurated in 2023. The centre is run by JSPC faculty members, including myself and Profs. Divya Bhatia, Kannu Priya Kamboj, Meenakshi Banerjee, Kirti Tyagi, and Deepak Pandiaraj. Also participating is Yoshiko Miyata Ishioka, a faculty member from the Jindal School of Liberal Arts and Humanities (JSLH). Both centres will avail research opportunities for faculty members and students interested in their respective topics.

Looking forward to August 2023, JSPC is pleased to welcome our newest students, batch 2023. Entering under the National Education Policy 2020 mandate, they will follow the school's new four-year programme. Ensuring a wholistic educational experience, our newest students will have ample

opportunity to take diverse coursework related to all aspects of psychology, as well as personalize their education by way of more than 300 general elective courses offered by all schools of JGU.

Finally, to accommodate our newest students, we recently hired 15 new faculty. All told, JSPC will now host almost 450 students and more than 40 faculty members. I am confident the school and its reputation will continue to grow as we work towards our goal of being the top psychology programme in India.

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Derick H. Lindquist, Ph.D.

Professor and Dean School of Psychology & Counselling O.P. Jindal Global University



Faculty Development Workshop - Spring Semester 2023

This Semester, two faculty developments workshops were conducted



Faculty Development Workshop II Creating a Culture of Care: The Role of Faculty in Fostering Student Well-being' Faculty Development Workshop I Research Grants & Publication Ethics





Inaugurations & Milestones

The inaugural event of the 'Centre for Neurodiversity Studies'- The inauguration was ceremoniously marked by an invited talk on 'From Understanding to Advocacy: The Neurodiversity Movement' by the most eminent speaker & director - Merry Barua, National Centre for Autism.



The second event of Centre for Neurodiversity studies was organised as an online talk on the topic 'The Neurodiversity Movement and My Place in It: Here and Now' by Akshayee Shetty, Founder/ Managing Trustee & Director, Sense Kaliedoscopes.















We are happy to announce the (Re)Inauguration of the E-Cog: Emotion and Cognition Research Centre at Jindal School of Psychology and Counselling









JSPC Guest lectures

Guest Lecture 1

"Advancing research and practice to address interpersonal violence, mental health, and sexual and reproductive health."

Resource Person: Dr. Mona Mittal, Associate Professor, Department of Family Science, School of Public Health, University of Maryland





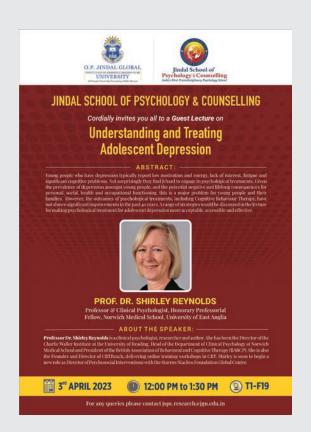




Guest Lecture 2

"Understanding and Treating Adolescent Depression"

By **Prof. Dr. Shirley Reynolds,** Professor & Clinical Psychologist, Honorary Professorial Fellow, Norwich Medical School, University of East Anglia



Given the prevalence of depression amongst young people, and the potential negative and lifelong consequences for personal, social, health and occupational functioning, this is a major problem for young people and their families. However, the outcomes of psychological treatments, including Cognitive Behaviour Therapy, have not shown significant improvements in the past 40 years. A range of strategies was discussed in the lecture for making psychological treatment for adolescent depression more acceptable, accessible and effective.









Guest Lecture 3

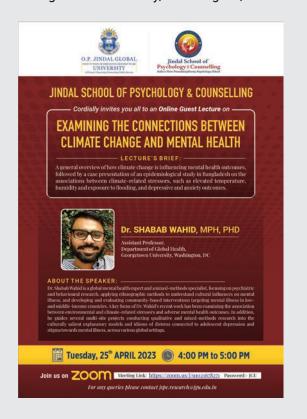
"Corporate Ready with Vineeta Chawla"



Guest Lecture 4

"Examining the connections between climate change and mental health"

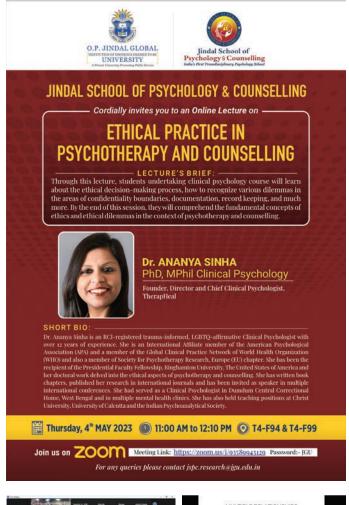
by **Dr. Shabab Wahid**, MPH, Ph.D, Assistant Professor, Department of Global Health, Georgetown University, Washington, DC



Guest Lecture 5

"Ethical Practice in Psychotherapy and Counselling"

Online Guest Lecture by **Dr. Ananya Sinha**, Ph.D & MPhil in Clinical Psychology, Founder, Director and Chief Clinical Psychologist.











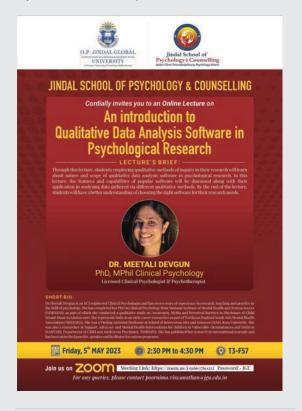




Guest Lecture 6

"An introduction to Qualitative Data Analysis Software in Psychological Research"

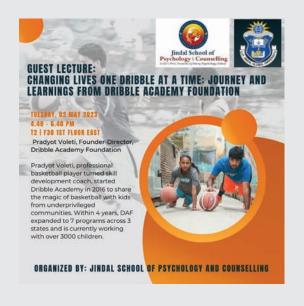
By Dr. Meetali Devgan



Guest Lecture 7

"Changing Lives One Dribble At A Time: Journey And Learnings From Dribble Academy Foundation"

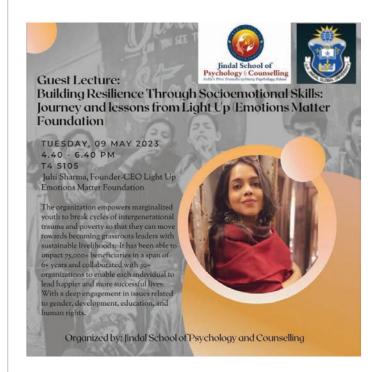
by **Pradyot Voleti**



Guest Lecture 8

"Building Resilience Through Socioemotional Skills: Journey and lessons from Light Up (Emotions Matter Foundation) and Unbottle Emotions Foundation"

By **Juhi Sharma**, Founder - CEO Light Up Emotion Matter Foundation





Major Highlights

The Dean of JSPC, Prof. Derick Lindquist, participated in the Educator's Conference held in Ludhiana. The event was titled 'The Changing Landscape of Education' and was sponsored by the International Centre for Advancement of Education (ICAE). Many eminent educators engaged in fruitful discussion—on topics ranging from technological advances to internationalization







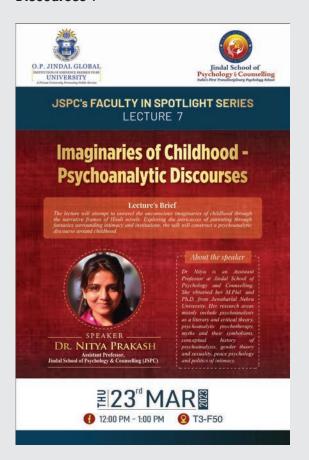
Dean's Visit to Hyderabad & Mumbai engaging with young & aspiring students



Faculty in Spotlight

Session 7

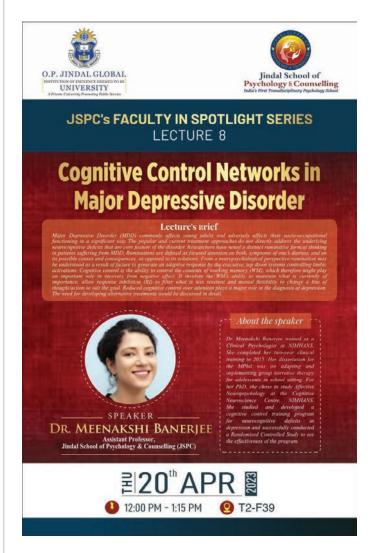
Dr. Nitya Prakash was the faculty in the spotlight for the month of March 2023 and she will be talking about her work on, "Imaginaries of childhood - Psychoanalytic Discourses".





Session 8

Dr. Meenakshi was the faculty in the spotlight for the month of March. She spoke on "**Cognitive Control Networks in Major Depressive Disorder**".





Bharat Panchal Dialogues 2023

Bharat Panchal 2023 Dialogues Series, co-hosted by Fortis Mental Health Program and Jindal School of Psychology & Counselling. Each session of the panel discussion was highly insightful where JSPC faculty members and other experts conversed on a very important and contemporary mental health issue.



JSPC Student Clubs 2022-2023



Psychology Internship and Career Club (PICC)



Club providing a platform to all students of JSPC to learn more about the field of psychology, by interacting with leading organisations and psychology professionals. The clubs engages students in activities that would benefit them in becoming more self-aware, self-reliant and more in control of their chosen career paths.

Mindscapes

A student club focusing on normalising and giving human emotions an impetus using art-based expression methods. Activities are centered around validating and expressing individual emotions through different art forms such as, dance/movement, theatre, music, art (painting), writing, meditation, photography and the like.











Thadeem

A club for experienced dancers who will get recognition, respect and most importantly a space to perform their art form, to add a little essence of the Indian culture to JSPC. The Indian classical dance club showcases various classical dance forms including Bharatnatyam, Kathak, Odissi, etc.











JSPC Student Events

Hues of Cupid – The Importance of Self Love













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Second session of the JSPC's Bridging the Gap Series

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Peer Support Committee of JSPC

The first official meeting was held for the first ever Peer Support Committee of JSPC. The credit goes to JSPC's Student Council and the entire team and faculty who helped in the formation of this commendable initiative.



SGRC (Student Grievances Redressal Cell) of JSPC

Another benchmark was achieved with the first ever induction for the first SGRC (Student Grievances Redressal Cell) of JSPC. Headed by the current student council, SGRC has 4 working departments, namely: Events, Creative and Social Media, Hospitality and Health Centre and Security and logistics committee.



Educational Psychology Infographic Poster walk











Plantation drive



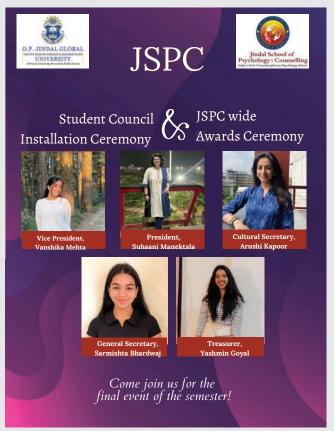








Student Council Installation Ceremony

















Online Open House Session- James Cook University



Faculty at JSPC - Happy Moments



Thank you!

Looking Forward to the Fall Semester 2023