Today the world over the destruction of human and biological communities has increased to an unsustainable level. Many of us have lost the sense of the integral, and are fostering a sense of disconnect and lack of appreciation for the ‘Whole’ and reverence for the mystery of life.

How can the field of history contribute a corrective to our social injustices, ecological destruction and spiritual alienation? Thomas Berry extrapolates that, “Our present urgency is to recover a sense of the primacy of the universe as our fundamental context, and the primacy of the Earth as the matrix from which life has emerged and on which life depends. Recovering this sense is essential to establishing the framework for mutually enhancing Human-Earth relations of the flourishing of life on this planet.” Berry suggested a four-fold wisdom conversation to foster the primacy of the Universe and Earth as matrix: the transdisciplinary understanding of the wisdoms of science, religion, indigenous peoples and women.

History, through the lens of Big History is offering humanity its common story line, having emerged from Earth. An ecological lens reveals that we are interconnected and interdependent on a molecular level. This emerging self-understanding is the retrieval of an integral and shared memory that is common to each religious tradition and indigenous peoples.

How can History in the context of Big History foster social justice, ecological sustainability and spiritual fulfilment? How can this integral understanding of history foster a sustainable, compassionate Earth Democracy so that all can flourish?

Paper presenters are encouraged to prepare their papers, keeping the framework of Big History and the Universe Story in mind so that they relate their presentations to the wider cosmic canvas. The topics for the presentation of Papers (Posters only for students) include the following:

- History of Humanity
- Green History
- Integral Environmental Education
- Sustainable Science for Holistic Development
- Integral Ecology and Spirituality
- Religion (Indigenous, Hinduism etc.)
- Feminism
- The Arts
- Local History
- The Marginalized
- Language and Literature
- Legal Reforms