



5th Annual

RIT Undergraduate Global Humanities Conference

**May 8-10,
2025**

The history of the human community could be described as a history of conflict. Coming in different fashions, conflict has become rather the catch-word for any form of encounter as it produces affirmative, dialectical mediation and transformative results. When we read the stories of remarkable people in history, we bask in the stories of conflict they overcame and the progress they made; we also see the recesses of their resilient dispositions. Among them is the transcendence of the community, rejection of chaos, anarchy, suffering, and organized interpretations of how to experience conflict. We must pause the temptation to abandon what confronts us as conflict, analyze it, and make it intelligible. Yet, it is reasonable to distinguish useful from un-useful conflicts, conflicts that are undermining existence and capitulating misery, cruelty, and imbricate with violence. It is also reasonable to recognize the need for resilience and resolution as counterpoints to conflict, and as blueprint for transformative humanity. Likewise, we should raise questions about what it means to be heard or not heard as a person, a group, a people, a nation, and about who has the responsibility to speak for the other. The theme of the conference, “Conflict, Resilience, and Resolution: Transformative Humanity,” allows students to examine, as a human community, how we understand and respond to conflict, how conflicts manifest in our lives, and how we engage and transcend them.

May 8, 2025

Conference Reception

Moderator: Tiger House

Opening Remarks: Yizhe Wang, RITChina

Location: The Library

Time: 12:40pm Beijing Time

All presenters on campus are asked to attend.

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Opening Ceremony: Keynote Address

Streaming in Building 2: C403

Speaker:

Shalini (Shal) Khazanchi, Ph.D.

Associate Dean, Research and Graduate Programs

Ph.D. Program Director

Professor of Management

Saunders College of Business

Zoom: Join URL: <https://rit.zoom.us/j/99108423204>

Time: 9:15pm – 9: 25pm

(Conference Time Zone: Beijing)

Respondent: Xiangyu Guo, RITChina

Time: 9:25pm – 9: 30pm

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General Session A: Psychological Health and Social Support

Building 2: C403

Zoom: Join URL: <https://rit.zoom.us/j/95239306853>

Time: 9:35pm – 11:00pm

Time Zones

Moderator: Mao Sisheng, University of Washington, Seattle

Psychological Health and Social Support

Noor Saeed Amayri RITDubai	Addressing Mental Health Challenges among the elderly in the Middle East	
Wang Chenyujia, RITChina	The Neglected Elderly Group: Hidden Conflict and Reconstruction Path	
Yan Yixiao, RITChina	The Self with the Time: Trauma and Resilience	
Tobi Fadipe, RITRochester	Relationship between Minority Status, Resilience and Mental Health	

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General Session B: War and Transformation from a Historical Perspective

Building 2: C404

Zoom: Join URL: <https://rit.zoom.us/j/91410950951>

Time: 9:35pm – 11:00pm

Time Zones

Moderator: Song Yiting, Duke University

Zhang Zhaozhi, RITChina	The Road to Revival: The Modern History of China	
Luyi He & Xuanyu Wu, RITChina	Local War and Food Security: Imbalance, Change, and Reconstruction	
Ren Boyuan, RITChina	Internet Conflict: The Narrative Gap	
Xinyan Zheng, Lancaster University	Transformative Humanity	

May 9, 2025

General Session A: Conflicts and Resolution Methods

Building 2: C403

Zoom: Join URL: <https://rit.zoom.us/j/91725853282>

Time: 7:00pm – 9:00pm

Conference Time Zone: Beijing

Time Zones

Moderator: Peng Jingyi, Shanghai, China

Luofei Lin, RITChina	Broken and Remade: The Struggle and Resilience in the Melting Pot	
Rachel, Marriot, RITRochester	Resilience in Political Conflict: Navigating Violence and Polarization in Democracy	
Xinyuan Yin, RITChina	Conflict as Catalyst for Human Progress: Lesson from History	
Gulyorakhon Akbarkhanova & Li Chang, RITChina/Dubai	Cultural Conflict: Navigating Identity, Tradition, and Change	

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General Session B: War, Cultural Conflict, and Identity

Building 2: C404

Zoom: Join URL: <https://rit.zoom.us/j/96555330438>

Time: 7:00pm – 9:00pm

Conference Time Zone: Beijing

Moderator: Ruiying Jin

War, Cultural Conflict, and Identity

Wubrist Zewdie, RITDubai	War and Transformation: Lesson from History in Conflict, Resilience, and Resolution	
Selamawit Alemu & Yuewen Liang, RITChina/Dubai	Ethnic Conflict: A Global Perspective with Insights from Ethiopia	
Li Yueying, RITChina	Cultural Conflict and Resolution Techniques	
Kara Immekus RITRochester	The Repatriation of Indigenous Bodies: Negating Native Identities through the Negligence of Return	

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Trip to the Beach

Time: 9:00am – 12:00pm Beijing Time

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**General Session A: Educational and Cultural Challenges:
In Search of Reforms**

Building 2: C403

Zoom: Join URL: <https://rit.zoom.us/j/98395150042>

Time: 7:00pm – 9:00pm

Conference Time Zone: Beijing

Moderator: Yongzhe Liang, Beijing Jiaotong University, Beijing

Zhu Jincan, RITChina	Students' Dilemma in Chinese Education System	
Luo Hanyue et. Al.	STEM Education Program Based on Quality Orientation and AIGC	
Yihe Wang, RITChina	Bridging Cultural Divides: The Role of Digital Humanities in Fostering Global Understanding	
Li Qinyang, RITChina	Balancing Cultural Heritage with Modern Needs: "Going Global" or "Staying Locked Up"	
Basma Majid & Zhu Jincan, RITChina/Dubai	Education in Crisis: Resilience and Resolution	

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General Session B: Health and Society: Resilience as a Solution

Building 2: C404

Zoom: Join URL: <https://rit.zoom.us/j/9765165460>

Time: 7:00pm – 9:00pm

Conference Time Zone: Beijing

Moderator: Zimo Zhang, Johns Hopkins University

Shrinidi Rao, RITDubai	The Effect of Euthanasia (Physician Assisted Suicide) on the Bereaved and Primary Care Physicians
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Evan Ren & Liu Youxuan, RITChina/Rochester	Conflict and Financial Insecurity in Medicare
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Anika Dileep, RITDubai	Understanding Low Birth Rate: Trends and Challenges in South Korea
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Peiwen Wang	Politics and Conflicts
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Roundtable

Uncertainty: International Education and Global Conflict

Zoom: Join URL: <https://rit.zoom.us/j/94746690352>

Location: Global Culture Center, Siyuan Hall

Time: 9: 05pm – 10:00pm

Moderator: Hillary McCormick

Panelists

Ren Boyuan

Zou Anqi

Xu Haoyang

Leng Shiyu