



## Notice for the PhD Viva Voce Examination

Mr Rinson George (Reg. No. 1630081), PhD scholar at CHRIST (Deemed to be University), will defend his PhD thesis at the public viva-voce examination on Wednesday, 2 December 2020 at 2.30 pm on the Webex Meeting platform.

- Title of the Thesis** : **A Search for a Grounding Source in Interpersonal Relationships through Metaxology in the Select Novels of Bernard Malamud**
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The faculty members of the Department and the School, interested experts and research scholars of all the branches of research are cordially invited to attend this open viva.

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**Place:** Bengaluru

**Date:** 24 November 2020

## ABSTRACT

This research examines interpersonal relationships in the select novels of Bernard Malamud from a metaxological perspective. By examining the formation of the community through individuals where there are agapeic service and transformation of individuals, it attempts to bring out the relevance of metaxological relationships that give importance to dialogue, ethical relationships and love. It is essential to understand the space between interpersonal relationships to lead a meaningful life in the contemporary world. It explores to ascertain whether human beings attain fulfilment in the community through transformation. This thesis addresses the issues that are relevant to the novelist in the context of Jewish identity and assumes that this study is essential since the study informs us about the interpersonal relationships which are very relevant in today's context. This study claims that the interpersonal relationships portrayed in the novels of Malamud are metaxological because it affirms the self and transcends towards the other and forms a community where there is agapeic love and service. This research claims that interpersonal relationships attain its fulfilment through metaxological relationships. This mode of interpersonal relationships is relevant since it enables us to understand many existing problems between people, culture and nations, and to find a solution to it. The question of how to maintain a proper relationship with other human beings by giving equal importance to the individuals who are involved in the relationship is prominent today. The analysis of the novels based on metaxology changes our existing understanding of the interpersonal relationships and gives a new dimension to it.

***Keywords:*** *interpersonal relationships, dialogue, agapeic love, agapeic service, transformation*