



## Notice for the PhD Viva Voce Examination

Ms Rachel Anusha J (Reg. No. 1530087), PhD scholar at the School of Social Sciences, CHRIST (Deemed to be University), will defend her PhD thesis at the public viva voce examination on Wednesday, 19 January, 2022 at 11.00 am. The defense will be conducted online on the WebEx Meeting platform.

- Title of the Thesis** : **Development and Validation of an Intimate Relationship Security Scale**
- Discipline** : **Psychology**
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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.

**Place:** Bengaluru  
**Date:** 12 January 2022

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## ABSTRACT

Relationships form an integral part of our lives, a key function being attachment. While romantic relationships have mainly been studied with attachment theories as the basis, collectivistic cultures like India emphasize on togetherness more than individualism. To understand and measure security in any intimate relationship, a tool was developed, utilizing both qualitative and quantitative methods. An initial thematic analysis helped develop a basic model of relationship security that guided item generation. Items were developed to help measure the newly operationalized construct, using stakeholders, literature review and social media. 520 participants, including both, marital and pre-marital and 7 experts, helped cut down the 206 item pool to (in the first phase of data collection) to 84 items. Exploratory factor analysis was conducted the second time on a sample of 486 participants that further narrowed down the scale to 58 items. The final confirmatory factor analysis, using SPSS AMOS, involved data collected from 408 participants. Validity, Reliability analysis and norms were developed for the final scale of 43 items.

*Keywords: Relationship security, scale development, exploratory factor analysis, model fit*