



**Department of Political Science
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**Report of the 'Wednesday Circle'
23 September 2026**

The Department of Political Science, University of Calicut, held its regular 'Wednesday Circle', a weekly academic forum, on 23 September 2026 at 2:00 PM in the Seminar Hall. The programme featured a talk by Dr. Sivadasan P., Head of the Department of Political Science, on "Cinema, Communalism & Imperial Propaganda: Reading the Malabar Rebellion Film of 1921."

The programme began with a welcome address by Soud Ismail (Assistant Professor), followed by a concept presentation by the Department Librarian. In his presentation, Dr Sivadasan P. critically examined the representation of the Malabar Rebellion and Mappila Muslims in colonial cinema, highlighting how cinema functioned as a medium of imperial propaganda by portraying Mappila Muslims as fanatical and violent. He further discussed how such colonial representations have continued to influence contemporary perceptions and contribute to the persistence of Islamophobic stereotypes.

The presentation was followed by an interactive discussion with the audience, encouraging critical engagement with colonial representations, cinema, communalism, and historical memory. The programme concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. Ranjith, Assistant Professor of the department.



