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This issue will read into the modes in which time-binding was possible in intellectual history with reference to an individual's work. Korzybski's idea of time binding refers to that unique capacity of human beings to transmit information, skills and knowledge from one generation to the next at an exponential rate. Each generation should ideally add to the wealth of knowledge and skills of previous generations. Time binding is not mere imitation and imbibing. It suggests improving upon and inventing. A time binder takes off from where the previous generations have left off and the newness in thought-action that s/he brings in is not only relevant

to the person's own life time, but also for generations to come. Papers may evaluate how a particular thinker or school of thinking could 'summarize, digest and appropriate' knowledge and ideas across time. Knowledge is seldom an isolated pursuit. It is a collective endeavor that knows not the boundaries of space-time. In the genealogy of ideas, precedence, contemporaneity and antecedence branch out in myriad routes. But sometimes knowledge, skills and ideas erode with time. That is to say that time binding is not restricted to synthesizing prevailing knowledge and ideas for the benefit of posterity so that

there is an unbreakable flow of wisdom from past to present for the future; it is also about questioning, subverting, discovering and creating. It is ethical pragmatism in action. The temporal circulation and progression of knowledge implied by time binding also has the potential for expansion of ideas. Time binding may also refer to salvaging subjugated knowledge. These processes have a deep temporality that blends a sense of history with a vision for the future that triggers critical and creative impulses.

Korzybski himself was a synthesizer as well as a subversive thinker. His re-visions and new formulations are backed by untiring cretical evaluation of ideas and methods of thought. There are many thinkers who have similarly engaged critically and constructively with established thought and methods. They questioned ossified ideas and deconstructed and built upon existing knowledge. The founder of the Centre, Shri Balvant Parekh was a time-binder par excellence whose 'enlightened use of capital', paired with his quest for knowledge and ideas, hindsight and foresight paved the way to the establishment of Pidilite Industries and Balvant Parekh Centre.

Across disciplines and professions, many came up with path-breaking concepts and methods, hence bringing in fresh perspectives into our ways of seeing and knowing and doing. The papers in this issue may look at various aspects of time binding. Papers can also be written on various modalities of epistemological engagements of any particular thinker with a sense of temporality: how the thinker intervened in the modes of thought and how the newness that the thinker ushered into the realm of knowledge influenced the production of ideas and methods of thinking and doing in the times to come.

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