



POSTGRADUATE AND RESEARCH DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH

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MAHATMA GANDHI UNIVERSITY, KOTTAYAM

CALL FOR PAPERS



INTERNATIONAL VIRTUAL CONFERENCE ON CULTURAL STUDIES

BRIDGING BORDERS: CULTURAL PRODUCTION AND TRANSNATIONAL IDENTITY

6-10
SEPTEMBER
2021

NIRMALA COLLEGE, MUVATTUPUZHA

Ernakulam District, Kerala, India-686661
(Affiliated to Mahatma Gandhi University
& Accredited by NAAC with A++ grade)

The Postgraduate and Research Department of English, Nirmala College, Muvattupuzha, Kerala is privileged to conduct an International Conference on Cultural Studies spanning five days, from 6 to 10 September 2021. Original unpublished papers on the themes mentioned below in the concept note, or on related issues are invited for presentation in the seminar.

Warm Regards

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CONCEPT NOTE:

An ever-evolving intellectual project, cultural studies is a discursive formation that promotes ways of talking about different forms of knowledge/meaning-making endeavors. Modes of production and consumption of cultures and questions of representations are central here, and meaningful interdisciplinary expeditions are made possible in Humanities and Social Sciences.

The conference aims to contribute to discussions on the power and role of symbolic in constructing and mediating reality. A deeper awareness of heterogeneity in everyday life is the expected outcome. In tune with this objective, the conference brings together keynote speakers from across continents and cultures, and looks forward to inquisitive readings and discussions on politics of portrayals and cultural formations beyond constructed borders.

The thrust areas include, but are not limited to, the production, consumption and representation of categories in/of:

- ▶ Identity narratives (nation, race, ethnicity)
- ▶ Tourist narratives (spatial, temporal, multisensory)
- ▶ Refugee narratives
- ▶ Dissent narratives
- ▶ Food narratives
- ▶ Gender narratives
- ▶ Pandemic/Lockdown narratives
- ▶ Graphic art
- ▶ Fashion
- ▶ Popular Culture

The conference hopes to bring together intellectuals, research scholars, teachers, writers and others who are inquisitive in the above mentioned area.

CALL FOR PAPERS:

Those who wish to present original papers may kindly email their abstracts (in not less than 400 words) to icss2021@nirmalacollege.ac.in. Acceptance of the abstract will be intimated after a screening process. Abstracts should contain the following:

- ▶ Name of the author and/or presenter
- ▶ Designation
- ▶ Email
- ▶ Contact Number
- ▶ Title of the Paper
- ▶ Area/Perspective

Scholars whose abstracts are selected will have to submit the final paper and PowerPoint (PPT) slides of their presentation in soft copy along with the registration fee.

PUBLICATION OF PAPERS:

Select papers from the conference shall be published as a book with ISBN with the permission of the authors.

IMPORTANT DATES:



Last date for receipt of abstracts: 10-08-2021

Intimation of selected abstracts: 12-08-2021



Last date for receipt of registration fee: 25-08-2021

Last date for receipt of full paper & PPT: 27-08-2021



Details regarding the mode of payment of registration fee, submission of the PPT slides etc. will be intimated after the selection of abstracts.

REGISTRATION FEE:

₹ 800 for faculty and ₹ 500 for students and research scholars.
\$ 50 for international participants

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ABOUT THE DEPARTMENT

One of the founding departments of Nirmala College, English Department has travelled along with the college all these years, and envisions interdisciplinary research and fruitful inquiries into life and reality. Our department brings together researchers in graphic novels, children's literature, exile writing, gender studies and disability studies to produce innovative and challenging work.

ABOUT THE COLLEGE

From catering to students of minority community to being frontrunners in the nation in imparting quality education, Nirmala College is one of the foremost colleges in Kerala with 3158 students and over 137 faculty members spread over 17 UG programmes, 14 PG programmes and 7 research programmes. The college is accorded the star college status in 2017 by the Dept. of Bio-Technology, Govt. of India, in recognition of the advancements made by the science departments of the college in scientific research. The college was ranked at 91st position in NIRF rankings 2017. The college is nationally re-accredited by NAAC with A++ grade with CGPA 3.73 in 2021, which is the highest grade point among affiliated college in India, in the fourth cycle of accreditation.