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Conference Circular

**Three-day International Conference on Commonwealth Literature
1-3 February 2019 (Friday-Sunday)**

**Organized by Indian Society for Commonwealth Studies
*in collaboration with***

Osmania University Centre for International Programmes (OUCIP)

Venue: Osmania University Centre for International Programmes, Hyderabad

Theme: Multiculturalism and Globalization in Commonwealth Literature

Concept Note

In the last two decades, writers across the globe have enriched the literary scene by dealing with contemporary themes and issues. Some of these writers are: Margaret Atwood, Peter Carey, David Malouf, J. M. Coetzee, Guntur Grass, Kazuo Ishiguro, Milan Kundera, Rohinton Mistry, Toni Morrison, Alice Walker, Ben Okri, V. S. Naipaul, Michael Ondaatje, Zadie Smith and Ngugi wa Thiong'o. Similarly, Indian English literature has registered a remarkable growth and many of its writers like Shashi Taroor, Chitra Divakaruni, Anitha Desai, Bharati Mukherjee, Amitav Ghosh, Vikram Seth, Salman Rushdie and Jhumpa Lahiri have achieved international recognition. The conference will examine the writings of all these novelists and assess to what extent these have contributed to the emergence of global literature.

Humanities/ Social Sciences

The conference is both comparative and interdisciplinary in character. Literature, as we all agree, is closely related to humanities and social sciences. Certain political and social movements have an all-pervading influence on common people as also on literary milieu. A writer is essentially the conscience bearer and moral watchman of his people. The conference will therefore discuss, apart from literature, subjects like Popular Culture, Human Rights, Feminism, Nationalism. Further, relationship between literature and history, politics and philosophy will also be explored. Papers are therefore invited from scholars in the disciplines of History, Political Sciences,

Philosophy and Psychology that fit within the larger framework of the theme of the conference.

Call for Papers

- Concept of Multiculturalism
- Diversity, Pluralism
- Local, Glocal, and Global Identity
- Feminism
- Eco- Criticism
- Diaspora Literature
- Comparative Literature

Highlights

- Renowned keynote Speakers and Resource Persons
- Plenary Lectures
- Panel Discussions
- Two special sessions on Booker Prize winners Margaret Atwood and Michael Ondaatje
- Special sessions on Canadian, Irish, African and Australian literatures
- Release of the Journal
- Readings by Creative Writers
- Book Release/ Book – Exhibition
- Conference Dinner
- Cultural Evening

Creative Writing Session

A number of creative writers will participate in the session. Ms. Roswitha, an Indo-German, will deliver a talk on her recently published novel

Publication

Select papers presented at the Conference will be brought out as a volume of essays—an ISBN publication—or as a special issue of the UGC- approved bi-annual journal The Commonwealth Review. However, articles of only members/ subscribers will be considered for inclusion

Objectives

The aim of this International Conference is to encourage academics, scholars and practitioners representing an exciting diversity of countries, cultures and languages to meet and exchange views in a forum stimulating respectful dialogue. The conference will discuss multiculturalism focusing on the ideological issues of caste, gender, religion and the social movements affecting the new literatures written in different languages and regions with a view to bringing out the multicultural diversity of the globe.

OUCIP

Osmania University Centre for International Programmes (OUCIP) came into existence in September 2006 after the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India, handed over the management and administration of the American Studies Research Center (ASRC) to Osmania University. It is housed in the building complex of the ASRC and has inherited its academic and infrastructural strengths. However, OUCIP has broadened its scope and added new fields of study from humanities and social studies to American Studies. OUCIP was thus conceived to complement the special status of the City in which it is located while retaining its strength in the disciplines of American Studies and International Relations acquired over four decades. The Mission of Osmania University Centre for International Programmes is to provide an international face to Osmania University by creating a space for an intellectual engagement with the larger community of scholars, intellectuals within the University, and also the wider community of citizens outside the academia. With the objective of promoting interaction among the university, colleges, research institutions, policy making bodies, business associations from India and abroad the Centre aims to encourage the pursuit of new knowledge and its dissemination, application and use within and outside the academia to reduce human misery and to promote international understanding.

Connectivity

The city is well connected by air, railway, and road with all the major cities of India. Since it is the geographical centre of India, it is accessible from all directions.

The City of Hyderabad

Hyderabad, the capital of Telangana State, is a historical city—well known for pearls. It is a seat of learning and has more than seven universities. A multicultural city, it is famous for grandeur and royalty. Places to visit include Charminar, Salar Jung Museum, Fort and the Lake. Weather in February is pleasant. Accommodation will be provided in the OUCIP Guest House.

Book Exhibition

There will be a Book Exhibition where members can display their publications. Members who wish to get their books released may send copies of the books preferably in advance.

What to send

A 200- word abstract should be submitted by 15th December 2018 along with the information in this order: a) title of the abstract b) author c) affiliation d)email address. Abstracts may be sent to: iscstudies@gmail.com

Acceptance

Acceptance will be sent by the Academic Committee, within four days from the receipt of the abstract. Submission of registration fee and travel bookings may follow. Certificate of participation in the International Conference will be given to all registered delegates, Convener, Academic Committee: Professor Jagdish Batra, Jindal Global University, Sonapat. drjagdishbatra@gmail.com

Important Dates

Abstract Submission: 15th December 2018

Registration Fee: 30th December 2018

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