



ISLAMIC UNIVERSITY OF
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

TWO- DAY NATIONAL SEMINAR
on
“From the Margins to the Centre: Texts and Contexts”

4th -5th November 2015

Call for Papers:

The Department of English Language and Literature is organizing a Two-Day National Seminar on “From the Margins to the Centre: Texts and Contexts” on 4th & 5th November 2015.

About the Seminar

In the present era of globalization, multiculturalism, and supposed intellectual openness, we are witnessing a gradual abolishing of the erstwhile borders between the centre and the margins. One factor involved in this movement from the periphery to the centre is the increasing globalization of culture, especially the publishing phenomena, whereby ‘third world’ or ‘post-colonial’ writers either writing directly in English or being quickly translated, have been successfully marketed. Another factor is the insistent pressure from ‘the periphery,’ with the development there of various critical and theoretical schools that have been ‘writing back’ to the metropolitan centers with a confidence and sophistication that have demanded attention. Indeed not just writing back, but as Francis Barker says, the movement of communities has become a complicating feature to which much attention has been paid, with terms like ‘migration’, ‘diaspora’ and ‘nomadism’ taking on new burdens of significance.

As each work of literature emerges out of a context, we need to focus our attention on how art and literature is produced in contemporary times, how it circulates across nations and across time, and the multiple contexts and forms in which it is interpreted. Shifting focus to non-western scholarship, the seminar will offer an analysis of the production of texts, their contexts, and their reception at home and abroad. It will explore the forces that shape their production in their respective countries, the tensions between, and within, local and international politics, and differences between those who grew up in the struggle against the colonial history and those coming of age today.

We invite researchers/scholars, academicians and social activists to submit their abstracts for the seminar, not less than 250 words latest by 16th October 2015 to english@islamicuniversity.edu.in on the following themes:

