

TWO-DAY- NATIONAL SEMINAR

On

“From the Margins to the Centre: Texts and Contexts”

Organized by

Department of English Language and Literature

Islamic University of Science and Technology

November 4th -5th 2015

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**INVITATION AND CALL FOR
PAPERS**

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Venue:

**IUST Campus,
1- University Avenue, Awantipora,
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University:

The Islamic University of Science and Technology (IUST), Awantipora, J&K was established through an Act passed by J&K State Legislature and notified by the State Government, through Jammu & Kashmir Gazette in 2005. IUST is recognized by UGC under Section 2 (f) and 12 (b). IUST is mandated to advance and disseminate knowledge, wisdom and understanding amongst all segments of the society within and outside the state. People belonging to all sections of society are entitled to avail the facilities and opportunities offered by the University and there is no distinction on the basis of class, cast, creed, color or religion. The University presently has 4 Schools which offer 17 undergraduate and postgraduate degree programmes in different departments. The technical programmes offered by the University have been approved by AICTE.

The Department:

The Department of English Language and Literature aims at developing a literary temper amongst students by providing a platform from which they can explore the relationship between historical texts and their diverse influence on modern society. We believe the study of traditional and new genres will inspire creative and original thought while also enabling students to communicate concisely, fluently and with acumen. The Department is offering Integrated M.Phil-PhD programme as well. The Department has a state of the art Digital Language Lab aiding to foster and chisel language skills of the students. Also it has a literary club "Literati" sharpening the creative skills and talents of students.

Location:

The University is located in Awantipora, a small picturesque town situated on the main National Highway (NH1A) in Kashmir, approximately 30 kms south of the capital city of Srinagar and just adjacent to the famed saffron fields. This historically significant town was capital of Kashmir during the reign of Raja Awantivarman.

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.

Broad Themes

Literary works from the peripheries
Issues and challenges of being "non-Western"
Postcolonial theory and non-Western literature
Minority/Marginal voices In Literature
Gender issues in literatures from the periphery
Markets and the reception of texts
Complex histories surrounding the production and reception of non-western literary works
Connection of history to a text's accumulation of meaning
Transnational flows and emergent subjectivities
Reconstituting canons for the 21st century
Neocolonial/neoliberal practices and the resultant subalternization
Globalization and Diaspora

Call for Papers:

Researchers/scholars, academicians, and social activists are invited to submit abstracts for National Seminar on "From the Margins to the Centre: Texts and Contexts"

An Abstract of not more than 250 words should be submitted to the Seminar Director, latest by 16th October 2015. The papers are not confined to the above mentioned themes and can encompass broader perspectives. Aspiring delegates are requested to include their full name, institutional affiliation and e-mail contact.

Papers should be in MS Word format, Times New Roman, font size 12 with 1.5 spaces. The abstracts must be sent to english@islamicuniversity.edu.in

However, the full length paper has to be submitted at the time of the Seminar. Abstracts submitted after the deadline will not be accepted. The abstract and the DD should carry the full name, contact number and address of the author. **All abstracts will be peer-reviewed before they are accepted.**

Dates to Remember:

Abstract Submission: 16th October 2015

Communication of Acceptance: 21st October 2015

Registration Deadline: 26th October 2015

Registration Fee Details:

**Outstation Delegate who need accomodation
: INR 3500**

**Local Delegate and those who do not need accomodation
: INR 1500**

MODE OF PAYMENT:

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