

Concept Note:

Since time immemorial, ideas have played an important role in bringing about change in the course of life. It is ideas and ideologies that have shaped our society, culture, economy, and science and technology. Ideas that trigger change are generated and transferred through two forms of knowledge disseminators – fictional and non-fictional works that transform the manner in which a person sees his/her/others' experiences. And it is through language and literature, the two indisputable moyen de expressions, our thoughts are shaped through different genres. However, it is an undeniable fact that any change brought forth with the implementation of ideas comes with a price. Transformation is an agonizing process because it leads to the uprooting of the timeworn belief system which is profoundly embedded in the social, cultural, political and economic systems of the society. Often during the conflicts between the old and the new belief systems the weak, the frail and the subaltern are marginalized and there is disruption of peace and stability. These are the challenges which make the road to transformation, a bumpy and arduous one.

The aim of this two-day International webinar is to ponder and engage in discussions on the transformative role of language & literature, its issues, trends and challenges as reflected in the past and also in the present times, and to bring about a positive change in the present day pandemic-stricken world. With short and long-term, complete and partial lockdowns imposed in countries all over the world there has been great effect on the mental health of many in this world. Public health actions, such as social distancing, has made many people feel desolate and lonely and augmented their stress and anxiety. It is imperative under these circumstances to find out alternative ways to safeguard public health. We hope by the end of this webinar we will also be able to assess the transformative role of language and literature on the mental health of people so that it can help people to heal themselves from the trauma that they are going through and look forward to a better, healthy and environment-friendly world.



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Programme Schedule

Day - 1 15.09.20 (Inaugural Session)

Inaugural Speech

Dr. Lakshman Chandra Seth

Chief Patron & Chairman

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Time: 3 pm

Welcome Address

Smt. Sparsita Panda Seth

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Time: 3.30 pm

Day -1 15.09.20 (Evening Session)

Prof. (Rtd.) Stephanos Stephanides

Dept. of English & Comparative Literature

University of Cyprus, Nicosia, Cyprus

Topic: Literature & Contemporary Society :

Writing on the Edges of Language

Time: 4.00 pm

Prof. Aju Aravind

Dept. Humanities & Social Sciences

IIT (ISM) Dhanbad

Jharkhand, India

Topic: Literature of the Subaltern: Outside the Canon

Time : 5. 00 pm



Day - 2 16.9.20 (Morning Session)

Prof. Namrata Pathak

Dept. of English

NEHU, Meghalaya, India

Topic: Transgression and Transformation in Literature: A Short Overview of Select Poetry from the North East

Time : 10.00 am

Prof. Anurag Chauhan

Dept. of English & Foreign Languages,

Guru Ghasidas University, Chhattisgarh, India

Topic: Literature & Morality

Time: 11.00 am

Day -2 16.09.20 (Evening Session)

Ms. Mercy Hazarika

Counsellor of Positive Psychology

Ex- Associate of Fiji National University, Fiji

Topic: Role of Literature on Mental Health

Time: 3.00 pm

Prof. Sharmistha Das

Postgraduate Dept. of English

Hooghly Mohsin College,, WB., India

Topic: Role of Language in the Digital Age

Time: 4.00 pm

Prof. Maria Cerreta

University of Naples, Italy

Topic: Collaborative Decision-Making: Processes for Complex Values Enhancement

Time: 5.00 pm

Vote of Thanks : 06.15 pm



Who can attend? Faculty Members, Research Scholars, Postgraduate and Undergraduate students etc.

Registration is Free for all Participants

Registration Link:

DAY-1: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_zcUyggjgzR2Kj-HPQT8oZCw

DAY 2: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_w3VVyU2Qem3FPED6uvdEw

E-certificate will be issued only to those who will join the Webinar for both the days and will fill in the given Feedback form timely.

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