

Theme :

Various forms/genres such as Memoirs, Biographies, Autobiographies, Confessions, Reminiscences have increasingly been used as archives of social history across disciplines constituting them under the rubric "Life-writing". The methodologies of interpreting these forms of writing /committing life to language are still in the nascent stage. These genres can also be explored as critical practices, and it is relevant to conceptualize/re-conceptualize the social and material context of the emergence of these narratives. The interdisciplinary nature of the genre and its discursive undercurrents representing an alternative space other than the normative and the dominant merit detailed attention. Confessional politics of life writings reflecting diversity of positions imbued with the personal and the public dimensions of individual experience heralds a new dimension of expression across cultures.

Narratives by women, blacks, dalits, tribals, displaced, marginalized and the underprivileged across cultures and continents and complexities of cultural process necessitating these narratives would be the focus of the conference. The conference intends to generate a debate on the nature of these narratives and their significance for gleaning a socio-cultural history of communities and nations

Call for Papers:

Researchers interested in presenting papers are welcome to make their presentations. However the papers should adhere to the theme of the conference and should be original, insightful works attempting to add new perspectives to the debates. Interested participants can send their abstract (not exceeding 300 words) by 10 April 2018. Abstracts should include the title of the paper, author's name, designation, institutional affiliation, postal address, telephone number and e-mail address. Papers must strictly be according to MLA/Chicago style. Select Papers will be published with ISBN No.

Soft copy of the abstract may be sent as an e-mail attachment to: dattamku@gmail.com and ram.prasad.u@gmail.com

Registration fee details:

For Teachers and Research Scholars: Rs. 1000 /-.

For students: Rs. 250

Registration fee includes working lunch, tea and certificate

The registration fee may be sent through a Demand Draft in favour of "The Chairman, Department of English, Kuvempu University, payable at Shankaraghatta, Kuvempu University, DA/DA will not be provided for delegates. The organizing committee will make modest arrangements for boarding and lodging on sharing basis in the university Guest House/PG's/hostels for outside participants at existing cost, only after receiving the confirmation of participation well in advance.



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**Cordially invites you to
Two-day National Seminar on
LIFE WRITING AS SOCIAL HISTORY:
READING ACROSS CULTURES**

Inaugural Function

Date: Thursday 12-04-2018

Time: 10 am to 12.00 pm

Venue: S.P. Hiremath Hall, Jnanasahyadri, Shankaraghatta

Presided by

Prof. Jogan Shankar

Hon'ble Vice-chancellor, Kuvempu University

Keynote Address by

Prof. Udaya Kumar

Jawaharlal Nehru University
New Delhi

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Thursday, 12 April 2018

Plenary Session I

12.00 pm to 1.15 pm

Prof. Sharmila Shreekumar

Department of Humanities and Social Sciences
IIT, Bombay

**"I too call myself I: Madhavikutty-Kamala Surayya and the
Intransitive Autobiography"**

Lunch Break

Plenary Session II

2.15 pm to 3.30pm

Prof. Parinitha Shetty,

Department of English, Mangalore University

**"Travelling through Interstitial Spaces: the Radical Spiritual
Journeys of Pandita Mary Ramabai Saraswathi"**

Plenary Session III

3.45 pm to 5.00 pm

Prof. Robert Jose

Department of English, Vijayanagara
Sri Krishnadevaraya University, Bellary

**"Social Existence and Social Consciousness:
Contextualizing Memories of Subaltern Youth"**

Friday, 13 April 2018

Plenary Session IV

10.00 am to 11.15 am

Dr. Shantha V.

Department of English, Jyothi Nivas College, Bangalore

"Political Feminism : Afsar Nafii's Reading Lolita in Tehran"

Plenary Session V

11.30 am to 1.00pm

Prof. Nikhila

Department of Film Studies, EFLU, Hyderabad

**"Reading Hagiopic as Biography of Nation/Community:
Considering the Saint Films in India"**

**Parallel Sessions of Paper Presentation
by Delegates between 10 am and 1pm**

Lunch Break

Felicitation Programme

2.00 pm to 4.30 pm

Felicitation to

Prof. Rajendra Chennai

Renowned academician and Writer
Dept. of English, Kuvempu University

Felicitation Speech by

Prof. Rahamat Tarikere,
Kannada University, Hampi

Presence :

Prof. Jogan Shankar

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Prof. Bhojya Naik

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(Filled in registration form should be sent to the Organizer on or before 10th April, 2018 along with registration fee and abstract)