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### **Three-day International Conference on The Emerging Issues in Contemporary Literature 7-9 December 2017**

**Venue: Karnataka Sangha, B.H. Road, Shimoga 577201**

#### **Concept Note**

Subaltern literature, immigrant writing and cross-cultural studies are the burgeoning areas of contemporary writing. These truly represent the face of multicultural societies in the democracies. Cultural diversity is indeed the most valuable and enriching quality of a nation. In a pluralistic society, ethnic groups have a right to develop their own identities as well as preserve their cultural heritages. In this respect, the faith in multiculturalism, with its underlying philosophy of assimilation, plays a vital role in fostering multiple perspectives in our outlook towards life. This is true of India (the home) and many other countries (the world). The aim of this International Conference is to encourage academics, scholars and practitioners representing an exciting diversity of regions, cultures and languages to meet and exchange views in a forum encouraging respectful dialogue.

#### **Call for papers**

Well-researched and unpublished articles are invited on the theme of the conference. The following are some of the sub-themes: History & Literature; Transnational Literature; Globalism and Literature; Challenges of Diversity; Local, Global and Glocal Identity; Hybridity, ambivalence, contingency in Postcolonial literature; Feminist Issues; Eco-Criticism in the multicultural context; Diaspora literature; Minority literature; Subaltern Studies; Comparative Literature; Translations; Popular culture; Dalit Christian Literature

#### **Objectives**

The deliberations of the conference will be useful for sharpening the research tools and strategies adopted by the teachers and research scholars. The conference will discuss theoretical concepts 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. It is hoped that the conference will enlighten the delegates and scholars about the nature of the new literatures, the ideological and cultural deep structures lying behind them, and the way new critical issues raised by the writers who have questioned the established beliefs and systems of the past.

#### **Highlights**

Renowned Keynote Speakers and Resource Persons; Plenary Lectures; Panel Discussions;

Release of the Journal; Readings by Creative Writers; Book Releases/Book-Exhibition; Conference Dinner

### **The City of Shimoga**

Shivamogga (Shimoga), situated on the banks of the Tunga, is culturally and politically a vibrant district of the state of Karnataka. The district rich in flora and fauna is an apt abode for writers, thinkers and activists. The district is proud of its two *Jnanapeetha awardees*: Kuvempu and U.R. Anantha Murthy. The district has given four Chief Ministers to the state (Kadidal Manjapp, S. Bangarappa, J.H. Patel and B.S. Yeddyurappa). Internationally recognized theatre hub NINASAM started by Mr. K.V. Subbanna is in the district. The district is known for its innumerable writers, film makers, thinkers, theatre activists and statesmen. The world famous Jog Falls is 100 kms. and the picturesque sunset of Agumbe is 90 kms. from Shivamogga. Shivamogga town is 275 kms. from Bangalore and is well connected by road and railways.

### **Venue:**

87-year old historical Karnataka Sangha of Shivamogga is one of the premier associations of the state dedicated to promote art and literature. The Sangha has been conducting different kinds of programmes without any leaning to any 'ism.' Started in the year 1930 the Sangha has its own auditorium which can accommodate 300 people. The building was inaugurated by the then Maharaja of Mysore Sri Jayachamarajendra Odeyar in 1943. With its yeoman service to the cause of art and literature, today the Karnataka Sangha is an inseparable part of Shimoga.

**How to reach:** 3 trains are available from Bangalore to Shimoga. <https://www.trainspnrstatus.com>

Train No.	Departure	Arrival
16201	15.30	20.45
16227	23.00	4.50
56227	16.30	23.20

Please note that, apart from trains, frequent Karnataka Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC) buses are available from Bangalore and Mangalore to Shimoga, such as Rajahamsa, Sleeper Coach, Volvo. One can book the bus tickets online.

### **Publication**

Selected Papers presented at the Conference will be brought out as a volume of essays—an ISBN publication—or as a special issue of the bi-annual U.G.C.-approved journal *The Commonwealth Review*. 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 at a forum encouraging respectful dialogue.

### **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 100-word abstract should be submitted 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](mailto:iscstudies@gmail.com) with a copy to [channappa\\_111@yahoo.com](mailto:channappa_111@yahoo.com)

### **Acceptance**

Acceptance will be sent by the Academic Committee, within three 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.

### **Important Dates**

Abstract Submission: 5 November 2017

Registration Fee: 20 November 2017

<b>Registration Fee:</b>	On/before: 20 November 2017	Spot Registration
Local Delegates	Rs. 2500	Rs. 2800
(Research scholars, not employed)	Rs. 1500	Rs. 1800
The Registration fee includes conference fee, conference kit, lunch and high tea.		
Outstation Delegates	Rs. 3500	Rs. 3800
(Research scholars, not employed)	Rs. 2500	Rs. 2800
The Registration fee includes accommodation, conference fee, conference kit, hospitality.		

### **Membership**

Membership of Indian Society for Commonwealth Studies is optional. Those who wish to become members may add Rs. 1200 for three years to the registration fee. This will entitle them to receive copies of the journal twice a year for three years.

### **Mode of Payment**

Participants should send emails to the concerned sections along with print form of registration duly signed along with DD. DD may be drawn in favor of "Indian Society for Commonwealth Studies." The FOCET members and co-members may pay registration fee in cash to FOCET Treasurer Prof. Vijay Kumar N.C. Mobile No. 0-9448329820

### **Accommodation**

Those who wish to make their own accommodation arrangement may pay the Local Delegation Fee. There are many good hotels in Shivamogga. The participants are advised to contact the addresses given below. For more information, contact Accommodation Committee Convener Prof. Vijay Kumar K.V. 0-9844220375. Some hotels are listed below:

Royal Archid (3 star) 08182 40199, B. H. Road (Tariff starting from 2500, sp. offer for delegates)  
 Jewel Rock: 08182 223051/52/53 (Tariff starting from 990), Durgigudi, Shimoga  
 Mautura Central: 08182 260334/35 Mobile: 08971655172 (Tariff starting from 900)  
 Ramakrishna: 08182 227551/ 52 Near Gopi Circle, Shimoga (Tariff starting from 450)

Kindly note that we are not in a position to assist with the conference travel or subsistence. Participants are requested to approach their institutions for travel grant and conference fee.

Enquiries may be addressed to:

Secretary, <i>ISCS</i> :	iscstudies@gmail.com	
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## International Conference, Shimoga

7-9 December 2017

### Registration Form

Name of the Delegate (Caps) \_\_\_\_\_

Designation \_\_\_\_\_

Office Address \_\_\_\_\_

mailing address with pin code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone/ Mobile \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Nature of Participation: Presenting Paper / Participating \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Paper \_\_\_\_\_

#### Registration Fee Details:

Outstation Delegates: Rs. 3500 (Local Delegates not seeking accommodation: Rs. 2500)

Membership Fee/ Journal Subscription: Annual Rs. 500; Three years Rs. 1200; Ten years Rs. 4000. It may be added to the draft/ cheque. Members will receive copies of the bi-annual journal *The Commonwealth Review* at the conference.

Draft/ intercity cheque should be made in favour of "Indian Society for Commonwealth Studies" payable at New Delhi. (Please note that the full name of the Society is to be given on the DD/ cheque.)

DD/ Cheque No. \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \_\_\_\_\_ Issuing Bank \_\_\_\_\_

Accompanying person/ Spouse will pay registration fee and will be treated as an observer.  
Registration fee may be sent collectively by colleagues, in one draft or cheque.

#### Travel Plans:

Arrival at Shimoga: From \_\_\_\_\_ Date & Time \_\_\_\_\_

Departure from Shimoga: To \_\_\_\_\_ Date & Time \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

All correspondence may be addressed to: [iscstudies@gmail.com](mailto:iscstudies@gmail.com). DD or Intercity cheque, along with registration, form, may be sent to: Executive Secretary, ISCS, G-45, Roshanara Plaza, Roshanara Road, Delhi 110 007. Or to Dr. C. Channappa. [channappa\\_111@yahoo.com](mailto:channappa_111@yahoo.com), 'Valemane', F-122, 4th Cross, Gopala Gowda Extn., Shimoga 577205.