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National Conference
on

**LANGUAGE AND LANDSCAPE:
LITERARY PERSPECTIVES ON MAN,
NATURE AND ANIMALS**

27 January 2020

Venue: Kristu Jayanti College [Autonomous]
Bengaluru

THE COLLEGE

Kristu Jayanti College, founded in 1999, is managed by "BODHI NIKETAN TRUST", formed by the members of St. Joseph Province of the Carmelites of Mary Immaculate (CMI). The College is affiliated to Bengaluru North University and is recredited with grade 'A' in 2015 by NAAC in the Second Cycle of Accreditation. The College is recognized by UGC under the category 2(f) & 12(B). The College was accorded Autonomous Status from 2013 by the University Grants Commission, Government of Karnataka & the Bengaluru North University. For its contribution in the field of Education, Kristu Jayanti College was recently given the Heroes of Bengaluru award and the College has also been awarded Asia's Education Award 2019 by International Brand Consulting Corporation, USA. In the India Today - MDRA survey 2019, Kristu Jayanti College, Bengaluru is awarded as the Best Emerging College of the Century at National Level and the college is ranked 6th Best BCA, 12th Best MSW, 19th Best Arts, 21st Best Commerce, 21st Best BBA and 26th Best Science College in India. The College is also ranked 2nd Best in BCA & MSW, 3rd Best in Commerce, 4th Best in Arts & Science and 6th Best in BBA among the colleges in Bengaluru.

DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH

The Department of English, Kristu Jayanti College aspires to be a leading centre for literary education. It is dedicated wholly to the study of language, literature and communication skills that are indispensable in today's competitive world. The department's association and professional collaboration with numerous international academic institutions is witnessed by the frequency of seminars, conferences and lectures that it proudly hosts every semester. The department offers three-year English Literature course which equips students to critically analyse the sociopolitical and cultural aspects of the society.

CONFERENCE CONCEPT NOTE

"I love not man the less, but Nature more"

Lord Byron

In the light of the recent climate changes and continual natural disasters, we feel obligated to revisit the literary discourses for a better understanding of 'nature.' What we understand of nature from literary texts coupled with stark historic evidence of repeated abuse and disregard for one's surroundings may necessitate an introspective study of how we have over the years conceived of agencies that are not human.

The omnipresence of non-human agencies at the backdrop of literary history and the recent critical interest it has generated in works like *Silent Spring* by Rachel Carson and *The Open: Man and Animal* by Giorgio Agamben speak volumes about how language helps us negotiate with our surroundings. Language plays a pivotal role in our understanding of 'nature' and determines the shape and significance we attribute to it.

The non-human agencies of land, animals, space etc. and our interaction with them are increasingly becoming the subject of discussions that interest environmental enthusiasts and literary scholars alike. In the face of large scale environmental catastrophes, species extinctions, and identity-altering advancements in science and technology, an anthropocentric worldview is neither sustainable nor defensible. Expanding the intellectual inquiry on 'nature' opens up a plethora of possibilities. This conference seeks to explore some of these possibilities vis-à-vis the non-human agencies in literary texts and human interaction with them. The conference further hopes to examine the present discussions on the topic and to explore their possible scope.

The conference directorate invites papers related to the broad theme "Language and Landscape: Literary Perspectives on Man, Nature and Animals" and the following subthemes:

- Animal studies
- Children and green literature
- Water and war
- Ecocriticism
- Nature in classroom
- Ecofeminism and gender studies
- Ecosophy
- Post-humanism
- Environmental Arts
- Indigenous Narratives
- Pastoral and wilderness narratives
- Millennials and green future
- Aquatic literature
- Climate literature
- Green ecophilia
- Green travel literature
- Ecopoetics
- Industry and ecology
- Environmental folklore
- Voices of the marginalised
- Ecolinguistics

Guests of Honour

Dr. G. M Joseph Dunston

Former Vice Chancellor

St. Joseph's University, Nagaland

Dr. Lilian B Jasper,

Principal, Women's Christian College, Chennai

Dr. Kavery Nambisan

Surgeon and Novelist

CALL FOR PAPERS

Original and unpublished papers are invited from faculty members, research scholars and students in the thrust areas of the conference.

IMPORTANT DATES

Last date for abstract submission: 02/01/2020

Abstract acceptance date: 05/01/2020

Full paper submission: 20/01/2020

GUIDELINES FOR PAPER SUBMISSION

Research papers should be formatted as per MLA (8th Edition) style and should have a minimum word limit of 2,500 and a maximum word limit of 4,000 words.

Abstracts must not exceed 300 words

Title page: full name of the author(s) e-mail id, designation, department, affiliation and title of the paper. Soft copy of the abstract and full paper may be sent as an e-mail attachment to: nell@kristujayanti.com

MODE OF PAYMENT

The registration fee is to be sent via Demand Draft in favour of "The Principal, Kristu Jayanti College, Bengaluru" payable at Bengaluru. For electronic transfer, please contact conference convenors.

REGISTRATION FEE

The registration fee is inclusive of GST

Registration fee include lunch, conference kit and refreshments. No TA/DA will be provided to the participants

Faculty presentation Rs.800/-

Faculty participation Rs.600/-

Research Scholar/ Student presentation Rs.600/-

Research Scholar/ Student participation Rs.400/-

Paid accommodation for outstation participants can be arranged on prior request.

For queries regarding accommodation, please contact Mr. Jerrin Jose,

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