DEPARTMENT OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

National Institute of Technology Tiruchirappalli

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THE UNESCO CHAIR IN VULNERABILITY STUDIES

University of Hyderabad

One Week Online Intensive Training Programme

Reading and Researching the Literature of Crisis

22 - 28 January 2024

National Institute of Technology (NIT), Tiruchirappalli

National Institute of Technology, Tiruchirappalli (NIT Trichy) founded in 1964 is a public technical and research university in Tamil Nadu, India. It is one of India's oldest technical universities and is located at Tiruchirappalli in a campus of 800 acres. The university is recognized as an Institute of National Importance by the Government of India. The university focuses exclusively on science, technology, engineering, management, architecture and humanities. National Institutional Ranking Framework ranked the university 1st among the NITs in India in 2022. Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry named the university as the "University of the Year" in 2017. The university has academic and research collaborations with universities and research centres in India and abroad including the United States and the United Kingdom and is undergoing accelerated growth through the World Bank-funded Technical Education Quality Improvement Program (TEQIP).

Department of Humanities & Social Sciences

The Department of Humanities and Social Sciences has been in existence since 2004. The department is known for independent interdisciplinary research and for a dynamic collaboration between faculty and students. To meet the existing demands of industry, business, public and private organizations, academic and human services, the department has constantly striven for a practical curriculum with a high degree of professional relevance, enabling students to face real-time challenges. Accordingly, the department has been offering a wide range of core and elective courses to undergraduates and graduates. The department has been offering a full-fledged Ph.D. program since 2004 and has produced quality research work in newer areas of Humanities and Social Sciences. Recognizing the growing demand for humanities-based courses, the department also offers minor degree courses in Economics and in Language/Literature. In 2020, the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences started an MA programme in English Language and Literature. Faculty in the department are committed teachers engaged in continuous research in niche areas like Language and Genetics, Health Humanities, Gender Studies, Cultural Studies, English and Employability Skills, Critical Pedagogy and Aviation English.

The UNESCO Chair in Vulnerability Studies, UoH

The UNESCO Chair in Vulnerability Studies, located in the Department of English at the University of Hyderabad, is the outcome of a decade's work by the Chairholder Prof. Pramod K. Nayar in the interrelated fields of Human Rights and literary-cultural studies, ecological precarity, industrial disaster and precarity, and extreme cultures. The Chair provides a theoretical, pedagogic and curricular framework for understanding, teaching and studying the United Nation's SDGs. The Chair's objectives include: developing a conceptual vocabulary of vulnerability, pedagogic tools and cultural apparatuses to ameliorate, sensitize and prevent an amplification of the multiple vulnerabilities the globe witnesses, and the archivization of a history of contemporary vulnerability across industrial disaster, climate change, health crises, gender inequalities, the greying of populations, among others. This teaching and research unit has organised several lecture series with eminent national and international scholars as resource persons, designed courses, and conducted seminars in the core areas that come under the Chair's purview. The Chair engages in fruitful academic collaborations with renowned institutes of Higher Education in India and abroad.

About the Programme

Literature documents, represents and re-presents crises and vulnerabilities of different kinds: genocide, climate crisis, historical oppression, and disease among several others. Reading and analysing such literature of crisis is significant for humanity, the nonhuman and the planet as it shifts the focus from discussing the Humanities in crisis to the Humanities of crisis. This ideational shift is important as the compelling times we live in now demand healthy debates on how academia, especially humanities as a field, contributes to the examination of the multitudes of crises and vulnerabilities that the planet and its inhabitants are subjected to. By introducing the key concepts in Vulnerability Studies, this training programme aims to enable the participants to identify and understand those strands of literature that study various forms of human, nonhuman and planetary vulnerability. The programme explores the ways of 'reading' diverse forms of vulnerability in literary texts. Through critical inquiry using diverse lenses, from trauma theory to literary gerontology, the programme aims to draw attention to specific narrative modes and aesthetics of representing and addressing vulnerability and crisis in various genres of literature: poetry, the graphic novel, the disease memoir, cli-fi, and drama.

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Registration Details

- There is a non-refundable registration fee of INR 1000 for faculty members, INR 700 for research scholars and INR 500 for PG Students for this One-Week Online Training Programme.

- On completion, participants will receive e-certificates. All participants are expected to submit the session feedback every day to be awarded with the e-certificates.

- After the payment, participants should fill up the online application form by using the link given below with all required details on or before January 20, 2024.

Click here to register: https://forms.gle/bvPrpzrzvoWDSLZA6

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PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Topic	Resource Person
22/01/2024	10.00 – 11.20	Vulnerability Studies: Key Concepts	Dr. Pramod K. Nayar Department of English, University of Hyderabad
	11.30 – 13.00	Vulnerability in Literature & Culture	Dr. Pramod K. Nayar Department of English, University of Hyderabad
23/01/2024	09.50 – 11.20	Landscapes of Loss, Memory and Anxiety in Poetry	Dr. Saradindu Bhattacharya Department of English, University of Hyderabad
	11.30 – 13.00	Poetry and Witnessing: (Fore)seeing Catastrophe	Dr. Saradindu Bhattacharya Department of English, University of Hyderabad
24/01/2024	09.50 – 11.20	Representations of Youth Vulnerability in the Graphic Novel	Dr. Maria Porras Sanchez Department of English, Complutense University of Madrid, Spain
	11.30 – 13.00	Trauma, Vulnerability and the Graphic Novel	Dr. Maria Porras Sanchez Department of English, Complutense University of Madrid, Spain
25/01/2024	09.50 – 11.20	Ageing and Literature	Dr. Sarah Falcus The University of Huddersfield, The United Kingdom
	11.30 – 13.00	Ageing in Early Modern Drama	Dr. Anna Kurian Department of English, University of Hyderabad
27/01/2024	09.50 – 11.20	Climate Change Fiction	Dr. Swarnalatha Rangarajan Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, IIT Madras
	11.30 – 13.00	The Blue Humanities	Dr. Swarnalatha Rangarajan Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, IIT Madras
28/01/2024	09.50 – 11.20	The Disease Memoir	Dr. Meenakshi Srihari Sai University, Chennai
	11.30 – 13.00	Reading Crisis, Researching Vulnerability: Methodologies	Dr. Pramod K. Nayar Department of English, University of Hyderabad

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