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International Conference

on

Higher Education, Cultures and Literatures: Canada and India

30th November - 1st December, 2012

Organized by
The Centre for Canadian Studies (CCS)
Department of English - UOM

in collaboration with
Indian Association for Canadian Studies (IACS) and
Planning Commission of India Endowment Chair, Dept. of Economics and Cooperation, UOM

Academicians, Teachers, and Research-scholars are welcome to register.

Thrust Areas:

Higher Education and Public Policy: Canada and India

- Challenges and Directions vis-à-vis Literary and Cultural Studies: Canadian and Indian Context
 - Marginalized/Subaltern Cultures and Voices: Canada and India
 - Bilateral Trade, Policies and Partnerships: Canada and India
 - Cultures and Literatures in Curriculum: Perspectives
 - Ecological and Biodiversity Management/Conservation: Canada and India
 - Power Sectors: Canada and India
 - Multiculturalism and Globalization: Canada and India
 - Canada and India: Music, Sports and Tourism

Important Dates:

Last Date for Registration: 15th Nov. 2012 Paper Presenters: Last date for Submission of the Abstract: 17th Nov. 2012 Submission of the Full Paper: 24th November, 2012 For Further Information, Contact:

The Coordinators - CCS

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University of Mysore

Established in 1916, the sixth oldest in India, and built on a great legacy inherited from its Founding Fathers, his Highness Nalvadi Krishnaraja Wodeyar and Sir M. Visvesvaraya, the University of Mysore which was awarded the status of an 'Institution of Excellence' (IOE) by the Govt. of India in 2008 and which was recognized as a University with Potential for Excellence (UPE) by UGC in 2011-12 is committed to respond to the challenges higher education faces today. Its pro-active engagement in education, research, discovery of new knowledge and sharing of this knowledge for appropriate application and its mission to create an environment of stimulating intellectual dialogue across disciplines and harvest knowledge with a cutting-edge through high quality teaching, research, and extension activities leading to the generation of students who would provide leadership, vision, and direction to society have always been part of the University's cherished traditions and values. Prof.V.G.Talawar, present Vice-Chancellor of the University, whose tenure has been marked by significant milestones enriching the great legacy of the University, is the Chief Patron of the forthcoming International Conference.

Department of English

The Department of English has a rich legacy. With the introduction of B.A. Honours in English in the 1930s and M.A. in English in the 1950s, it had its beginnings at Maharaja's College, Mysore, and Central College, Bangalore, respectively. Manned by highly influential teachers, teachers of profound scholarship, then, and consisting of Faculty, men and women committed to serious research and innovative pedagogies, now, it has steadily evolved over the years into a Department of Studies and Research in English with international reputation. The Department has been an intellectual hub for research on themes of varied genres and disposition. The syllabi meant for MA, MPhil and PG Diploma programmes that accommodate variety of genres and literatures such as English Literature, American Literature, Indian Writing in English, European Classics, Commonwealth Literature, New and Regional Literatures in English and in translation, and variety of poetics and literary criticism are periodically revised to ensure that they respond to contemporary times and challenges and are blended with employability-focused soft-skills development programmes. Currently, it is led by Dr A.S.Dasan, Professor of English, who also serves as the Founder-Director of the University Centre for Proficiency Development and Placement Services (CPDPS).

Centre for Canadian Studies (CCS)

The Centre for Canadian Studies, launched in 2000, has organized, till date, one International Seminar, two National Seminars, and one Regional Workshop on Canadian Studies with the coordination provided Dr Nageswar Rao (formerly professor of English in the Department) and Dr C.P.Ravichandra who

served as Coordinators then. CCS supports and encourages research-endeavours and projects in Canadian and Indian Studies with a thrust towards cross-disciplinary and multiperspectival research activities in association with the Department of Studies in English of all the three Centres of the University: MGM, Mandya and Hassan PG Centres. It is currently manned by two Coordinators – Dr K.M. Chandar and Dr Vijay, S.

The Rationale for the Conference

The first decade of the millennium has witnessed global recession which has jolted the developed, the developing, and the underdeveloped nations as well. Canada and India are not an exception to such a global phenomenon. Reforms in economic policies, political strategies and neocolonialism are the need of the hour. There is an urgent need for both Canada and India to examine and explore new avenues of bilateral linkages and initiatives. This International Conference seeks to explore how 'Higher Education, Cultures and Literatures' have responded to such a drastic global change vis-à-vis the Indian and Canadian milieu. The paradigm-shifts in higher education, the challenges posed by policies and experiences of multiculturalism in Canada and India, and the sensibilities and preoccupations that have gone into literary studies vis-à-vis these two nations will be the primary focus of the Conference.

A conference of this nature will provide a road map and the necessary impetus for cross-disciplinary research and learning prompting a 'culture of appreciation' to be promoted and realized. The participants would consist of delegates, special invitees, academicians, teachers, research-scholars and select student-representatives.

Papers focusing on the thrust areas indicated above are invited. Paper should meticulously adhere to the latest MLA Style with 12 sized fonts. Abstract and the full paper intended for presentation at the conference should be in MS Word with 1.5 line spacing. The Abstract should not exceed 200 words and the full paper should not be more than 2500-3000 words. Power-point presentation at the seminar can be an effective way of communicating as time allotted for each paper would be limited. The Abstract and the Full Paper, free from plagiarism and contributing to new knowledge, should be made available to the organizers both in soft and hard copies-format as per the schedule of date-line indicated above. The full length Paper will be subjected to scrutiny by a review committee.

Registration

All those who wish to register and those who plan to present Papers should adhere to the date-deadline. Registration Fee: Foreign Delegates: \$ 100 per head; Academicians/Teachers/Authors of Papers: Rs. 1200/= per head; Research Scholars: Rs. 500/= per head, and select students: Rs. 250/= per head. The Registration Fee may be in the form of DD drawn in favour of The Coordinator, CCS International Conference, payable at Mysore. Duly filled-in Registration Form along with the fee should be mailed,

preferably by Reg. Post, to: The Coordinator, Centre for Canadian Studies (CCS), Department of English, Second Floor, Humanities Block, University of Mysore, Manasagangothri, Mysore – 570006 India. Local hospitality (Meals) will be provided on 30th Nov. and 1st Dec. 2012 to all the participants accommodated in/around the University Campus. No refund of the fee paid will be allowed once approval has been communicated.

Accommodation:

For those who register and are in need of accommodation, modest accommodation could be arranged, on 'first come first served basis', within the University Campus and elsewhere at cost to be borne by the participants. Details will be furnished to those who seek accommodation. Those who accompany the participants would have to find their own accommodation.

Mysore City and Weather:

Mysore is the cultural capital of Karnataka. Being the fourth most visited city in the country, it is known for its heritage, cultural splendor, palaces and gardens. With a slight variation between day and night, Mysore is generally pleasant all through the year. November-December is generally cold in the mornings $(20 - 22^{\circ}C)$, but as the day progresses, the temperature will be $24 - 26^{\circ}C$.

Registration Form CCS International Conference on 'Higher Education, Cultures and Literatures: Canada and India' $30^{\rm th}$ Nov. - $1^{\rm st}$ Dec. 2012

- 1. Name and Date of Birth:
- 2. Educational Qualifications:
- 3. Designation and Address of work-place with Tel. no.:
- 4. Postal address for contact with Tel. no. and email details:
- 5. Details of the Registration Fee Paid:

DD No. & Date:

Amount & Bank:

6. Meal: Veg. / Non-Veg.

- 7. Presenting a Paper: Yes / No
- 8. Title of the Paper:
- 9. Abstract: Enclosed / will be sent on time
- 10. Full Paper: Enclosed / will be sent on time

Organizing Committee

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