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URBAN VOICES AND RURAL WHISPERS: SPATIAL DIALECTICS IN GLOBAL NARRATIVES



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ST. XAVIER'S COLLEGE

St. Xavier's College was established in 1923 at Palayamkottai by Jesuits with the aim of training the students to be leaders in all walks of life to serve the people of our nation in truth, justice, and love. Accordingly, this college serves as an agent of social change, instilling in the youth an awareness of the great need in our country of social justice based on brotherhood and dignity of an individual. Thus, it aims at making its own contribution towards a transformation of the present social condition so that justice, equality, and the moral values enshrined in the constitution of India may prevail in the daily life of every citizen. The college was accredited by NAAC with an A++ Grade in 2019 with a CGPA of 3.66 out of 4. The UGC conferred the status of College with Potential for Excellence in 2004, 2010, and 2014. The Department of Biotechnology (DBT), Government of India, awarded Star College status in 2014. The college caters to the marginalized and disadvantaged sections of the society.

MOTHER TERESA WOMEN'S UNIVERSITY

Mother Teresa Women's University (MTWU), the only Women's University of Tamil Nadu State Government, is situated at Attuvampatti, Kodaikanal, the "Princess of Hill Stations" and the most popular multicultural tourist centre. The University's foundation stone was laid by the legendary Noble Laureate for Peace, Mother Teresa, it was established in 1984 under the Act 15 of Tamil Nadu with the lofty vision of "Empowering Women through Education". The University plays a catalytic role in women empowerment and building an inclusive society.

The Tamil Nadu Common Wealth Mother Teresa Women's University International Centre is an additional credit to the University for cultivating competent women with relevance to global standards. The university has remarkable research and project records through MHRD, UGC, DST, TNSCST, TANSCH, and ICSSR-funded Departments with State of Art facilities. With potential infrastructure and committed staff and faculty, MTWU offers yeoman service for building intellectual, sustainable, and socially responsible young minds for the nation.

ABOUT THE DEPARTMENT

The Department of English was established in 1923. Great educationists like Fr. A. Lebeau S.J., Fr. Jerome de Souza S.J., Fr. A. Bonhoure S.J., Fr. T. N. Siqueira S.J., Fr. Lawrence Sundaram S.J., and Fr. Louis Xavier S.J. have served the department, moulding the young students as "citizens of the world." The Manonmaniam Sundaranar University has recognized the Department of English as a Research Centre.



ABOUT THE DEPARTMENT

The Department amalgamates disciplines in dynamic dialogue with each other, ensuring both specific knowledge and general ability to think. The traditional courses are studied in tandem with cutting edge courses on "Digital Humanities" for a wide exposure to different genres. It emphasizes research on Global Feminist literatures, Eco Studies, Diaspora studies and ELT. This wide range of courses offered in M.A. and Ph.D., prepares the graduates for a variety of careers in higher education, and at any field that requires an agile mind to traverse across borders. It imparts efficient Communicative Skills for students to be competent, through its well equipped Foreign Language Lab and it offers Certificate Courses in French and German. The Department of English & Foreign Languages established in 1985 has undertaken research projects and is in charge of Publication Division of the University. It publishes the University's official newsletter the "News Flash" and a journal "Gender & Progress". The Department has a Foreign Language Lab which caters to the needs of rural students through imparting Communication Skills Spoken English and Advanced Grammar. The Department offers courses with a main focus on Feminist Literature and Women's Writings.



OBJECTIVES OF THE CONFERENCE

This conference explores the intricate portrayal of 'space' in world literature, with a particular focus on the stiffness and dialogue between urban and rural landscapes. Our primary aim is to understand how these settings function as more than mere backgrounds but as active forces that shape the identities, experiences, and philosophies of characters and societies. It aims to explore the representation and significance of 'space'—both urban and rural—within world literature by examining a range of literary works from diverse cultural backgrounds. The objectives of the conference are:

- To analyse how authors use urban and rural settings to reflect social, political, and psychological themes.
- To investigate the interplay between these spaces in shaping narratives, character identities, and societal structures.
- To discuss how geographical and environmental contexts influence literary genres, narrative techniques, and symbolic meanings.
- To explore the tension and harmony between urban modernity and rural tradition, as well as their cultural implications.
- To highlight the role of space in postcolonial, diasporic, and indigenous literatures, focusing on the displacement, migration, and memory of place.

“We spent as much money as we could, and got as little for it as people could make their minds up to give us. We were always more or less miserable, and most of our acquaintances were in the same condition.”

- *Charles Dickens*

“The white man is very clever. He came quietly and peaceably with his religion. We were amused at his foolishness and allowed him to stay. Now he has won our brothers, and our clan can no longer act like one.”

- *Chinua Achebe*

CALL FOR PAPERS

Original and scholarly research papers are invited from faculty, research scholars, and students. Papers may focus on, but are not limited to, any of the thrust areas listed below.





THRUST AREAS FOR DISCUSSION:

- Historical Perspectives: Ancient and Medieval Cities in Indian Literature
- The city as a symbol of civilization and culture
- The impact of colonialism on Indian cities including urbanization, modernization, and cultural transformation
- Modern Indian Cities: A Kaleidoscope of Experiences
- The growth of Indian cities in the 20th century and the challenges of rapid urbanization
- The portrayal of urban life and rural life in modern Indian literature including themes of poverty, inequality and social exclusion
- The exploration of diverse urban experiences such as the lives of migrants, slum dwellers and the middle class
- The relationship between city and nature in Indian literary works
- Contemporary Urban Narratives: Understanding and Complications
- The exploration of new urban themes, such as globalization, technology, and environmental issues
- Ecology and Literary Production
- Indian Indigenous Ecocriticism
- Environmental Consciousness in Folklore
- Postcolonial and Global Perspectives
- The City and the Village in Myth and Folklore
- Myth, Memory, and Space
- Migration, Displacement and the Experience of Space

Any other theme related to the main theme.

GUIDELINES FOR PAPER SUBMISSION



Articles should be in Times New Roman, size 12, double-spaced and submitted only in the MS Word version. All papers should follow the MLA style manual. The abstract must be 250–300 words and the full paper should not exceed 2500 words. The paper should comprise a title, an abstract and keywords. Authors should submit papers as an e-mail attachment to xcmtu2024@gmail.com. The papers approved by the Editorial Board will be accepted for publication.

PUBLICATION



Full papers will be accepted for presentation and publication only after strict anti-plagiarism checking. The scholarly papers approved by the Editorial Board will be published in a **SCOPUS-INDEXED** or **UGC-CARE**-listed journal on request. And the other quality papers will be published as a book with ISBN number. Charges for **SCOPUS-INDEXED** or **UGC-CARE**-listed journal publication will be informed later after the selection of papers.

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PUBLICATION CHARGE: RS. 1000

Co-authors shall register separately. Participants from outside Tamil Nadu shall be permitted to participate and present paper online.



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- However, accommodation will be arranged for outstation participants and paper presenters if intimated in advance.
- No TA/DA will be paid.
- Working lunch and local hospitality will be provided.



DATES TO REMEMBER

- Last Date for registration with DD/Proof of Online payment and sending abstract: **20th November 2024**
- Confirmation of acceptance: **25th November 2024**
- Last Date for sending the full paper: **1st December 2024**
- E-mail: **sxcmtu2024@gmail.com**

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