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Concept Note

The significant aspect of critical theories during the past fifty years has been the concept of diversity and inclusiveness, focusing on the view that culture is a mosaic, not a monolith. In postcolonialism, there has been a journey from Frantz Fanon's "Counter-Violence" through Edward Said's "Orientalism" towards Homi K. Bhabha's "Third Space". Feminism now includes the voices of the people who were excluded in the past feminist movements. The journey is from the first wave of feminism which began in the second half of the nineteenth century through Simone de Beauvoir's The Second Sex and Elaine Showalter's A Literature of Their Own towards Chimamanda Adichie's We Should All Be Feminists. Gayatri Spivak points out that the female subaltern could not speak because "she did speak but was not heard." Diaspora Literature is generally viewed as a tool for exploring ethnic identity and cultural nationalism. In the fast-changing global scenario, there is a need for the movement from mere multiculturalism to interculturalism. This conference shall be a forum to identify, understand, and interpret the diverse voices representing myriad identities in terms of language, literature, and other cultural elements to create a deliberative platform that resonates with diversity and inclusiveness to renegotiate power and space.

Identities are defined paradoxically by their constant state of flux because the interplay of power structures, as viewed by Foucault, determines the space and voice of the people belonging to a particular society. The ephemerality of boundaries makes the subaltern voice silent. Amitav Ghosh's *The Hungry Tide* is an example.

What the marginalised people have to narrate is a shattered story. In such context, the literary texts which describe the mosaic perspective of culture, acknowledging the presence of culture, diverse groups and traditions.

Sub-Themes

- ➤ Cultural Studies
- ➤ Diaspora Studies
- Postcolonial Studies
- Gender Studies
- ➤ Eco-criticism
- Queer Studies
- Memory studies
- ➤ Refugee literature
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- ➤ Culinary literature

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