



Round Table on Law, Literature and the Diaspora

17th December 2019, 2.00 p.m. to 3.30 p.m.

Venue: Room No. 49, Ranade Bhavan, Kalina Campus, University of Mumbai, Mumbai 400098

The disciplines of Law and Literature in recent years have become triangulated with Diaspora Studies as texts on global migration and dispersion find echoes in national and international laws on migration and citizenship. Diasporic Literature looks towards legal studies as it seeks to portray the trajectories of migrants who legally and sometimes outside the ambit of the law make their homes in new lands. There are also Transnationals who are employed for short durations of time on work permits which are issued according to the laws of the country that has employed them. Such intermeshing of these three areas has led to the creation of interdisciplinary collaborative centres of study.

The University of Muenster, Germany has one such collaborative centre for the study of law and literature. As a partner of the University of Mumbai, the University of Muenster is looking at ways in which Mumbai University could participate in this venture.

This Round Table on Law, Literature and Diaspora is an attempt in this direction and would be brainstorming for ideas on the formalization of areas of overlaps and new fields for research. The Constructions of Home and Belonging Indian Diaspora Centre (CoHaB IDC), University of Mumbai has collaborated with Muenster in the area of Diasporic research and training under the European Union Marie Curie programme. CoHaB IDC looks forward to the deliberations of this Round Table leading to newer, interdisciplinary collaborations with the WWU and their Centre for Law and Literature.

Moderator:

Professor Dr. Klaus Stierstorfer, Chair of British Studies and director of the Collaborative Centre 1385: Law and Literature, University, Muenster, Germany

Speakers:

Professor Rajesh Kharat, Dean of Humanities, University of Mumbai

Professor Rajeshri Varhadi, Director, University of Mumbai Law Academy

Ms. Armin Wandrewala, Advocate, Bombay High Court, novelist and travel writer

Professor Smita Shukla, I/C Director, Alkesh Dinesh Mody Institute for Financial and Management Studies & Honorary Director, ICSSR, University of Mumbai

Dr. Rajesh Karankal, Head, Department of English, University of Mumbai

Professor Shoba Ghosh, Former Professor and Head, Department of English, University of Mumbai

Professor Renu Modi, Centre for African Studies, University of Mumbai

Dr. Sachin Labade, Associate Professor, Department of English & Coordinator, Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute's University Centre, University of Mumbai

Dr. Meera Vencatachalam, Fellow CoHaB IDC and Head of the Gandhi-Mandela Centre at the Observer Research Foundation, Mumbai

Professor Sridhar Rajeswaran, Member, CoHaB IDC Advisory Committee, University of Mumbai

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