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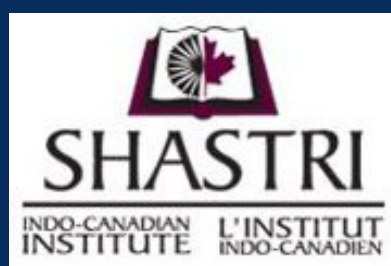
**SPACE,
NARRATIVES, AND SOUTH ASIAN CANADIAN
DIASPORIC/TRANSNATIONAL EXPERIENCES**

4-5 March, 2021

ORGANIZED BY
INDO-CANADIAN STUDIES CENTRE,
UNIVERSITY OF MUMBAI (UOM-ICSC)
IN COLLABORATION
WITH
SHASTRI INDO-CANADIAN INSTITUTE (SICI), NEW DELHI,
AND
INTERNATIONAL
SOCIETY FOR EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP (ISEL)



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The University of Mumbai is one of the oldest premier educational institutions in India. The University currently has 56 departments, 12 specialized centres, 781 affiliated colleges, 2 main campuses, 2 sub campuses, 2 Model Colleges, and the 'School of Engineering and Applied Sciences' at Kalyan as the University's own Engineering College. It has established its name in industrial & international collaborations and runs various professional courses. The University is committed to create and maintain world class facilities, and creates knowledge in areas of human understanding, keeping in mind societal needs. The University provides diverse opportunities and guidance to young students coming into its fold, and transforms them into self-reliant, responsible, and mature citizens.

The Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute was created in 1968 through a joint announcement of the governments of Canada and India. The Institute supports the creation of binational links between academia, government, the business community and civil society organizations by funding research and hosting seminars. It provides grants as well as internships and fellowships to provide opportunities for individuals to gain first-hand experience in India or Canada in their field of expertise. Furthermore, the Institute serves as a liaison between educational institutions and the Indian diaspora in Canada.

The Indo-Canadian Studies Centre, University of Mumbai (UoM-ICSC) has been sponsored by the British Columbia Province, Canada. It was inaugurated by Mr. Marvin Hildebrand, Consul General of Canada in Mumbai in the presence of Dr. Rajan Welukar, the then Vice Chancellor of the University of Mumbai in October 2011. The ICSC is a resource centre and facilitates research in Indo-Canadian Literature and Cinema. Its collection of books and DVDs is available for reference on the premises of the centre, to students and research scholars who are interested in this subject. Additionally, the ICSC arranges symposiums, workshops, conferences and lectures series by prominent scholars in this field. The Centre also organises film shows and discussions. The ICSC welcomes all those who are interested in Indo-Canadian Studies to avail of its resources and participate in its events.

International Society for Educational Leadership (ISEL) is a group of educators, authors, students, and professionals who have been sharing ideas, tools, and resources in an informal way for many years. ISEL also has an industry facing arm which has vast experience in content development and digital marketing. It reaches over 10000 readers in form of several websites and maintains a continuous delivery of high quality, engaging and relevant content.



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ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

The diasporic and transnational experience is one that is dynamic; in its constant evolution, it responds to and in turn shapes the modes of expression that it employs. Diasporic/transnational 'documents' of material memories, cultures, and of oral narratives have thrived in spaces of movement and settling. These spaces become central to not only the economic and political survival of the communities, but also help the continuation and consolidation of a community identity. The intimate relationship between space and narrative/discourse becomes particularly apparent in sites of individual and community transplantations. Parallely, several movements have also remained transnational, in-between, eluding settlement, and hence exist in a state of becoming. The identities evolving out of this inbetweenness are rather dynamic and plural than fixed and singular. Such a multiplicity of experience in movement makes it imperative to engage with the nuanced evolution of the diasporic/trans-national self, most particularly in our age of late capitalism and tremendous technological advancement in media and transport. The conference is a collective effort to enrich academic work and deliberate on theoretical frameworks with which one can understand and critically engage with notions of nation, diaspora and the transnational from an interdisciplinary perspective, with a focus on South Asian Canadian communities. Through its collaborative engagement with South Asian Canadian writers, diasporic and transnational scholars, digital denizens, and students, the conference will attempt to initiate a constructive discourse on the very nature of mobility and movement both within and without borders.

- Post-global formations of communities and identities
- Rethinking processes of rooting-uprooting-re-grounding in the construction of diasporic/transnational communities
- The politics of migration and mobility
- Changing narratives of Canadian Sikh identity
- The otherness of the host country
- Digital diasporas and virtual imagined communities
- Common aporias of identity and culture in lived experiences
- Cross-border Content: Creation and Consumption
- The hierarchies and politics of gender and sexuality
- Narratives of community mental health
- Old and new subalternities and marginalisations within communities
- Discourse and intervention of anti-racism communities/groups in universities and educational institutions
- Performance Narratives and South Asian Theatre in Canada
- Narratives of nationhood, nationalism, and nostalgia
- Mainstream Hindi cinema and the constructions of 'homeland' in communities
- Solidarity circles, ghettos, and community in Canada
- South Asian Food culture in Canada and the rhetoric of home and nostalgia



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DAY 1: 4TH MARCH 2021

(INDIA TIME)

INAUGURAL SESSION

9:00 AM-09:45 AM



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9:45 AM-10:30 AM

DR. SATWINDER KAUR BAINS
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KEYNOTE SPEAKER

**"THE PERENNATION OF
DIASPORA: LOSS, SURVIVAL,
RECOVERY, RECOLLECTION
AND RESPONSE"**

PLENARY SESSION-I

10:45 AM-12:15 PM



PROF. DR. NANDI BHATIA
UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN ONTARIO,
CANADA

**"MIGRATION, MOBILITY, AND
THE 1947 PARTITION IN
SOUTH ASIAN
CANADIAN LITERATURE."**

DR. PAROMITA CHAKRABARTI
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR,
HR COLLEGE, MUMBAI



**"CULINARY DIASPORA:
FOOD, GENDER, CULTURE"**

TECHNICAL SESSION-I 01:00 PM- 14:30 PM

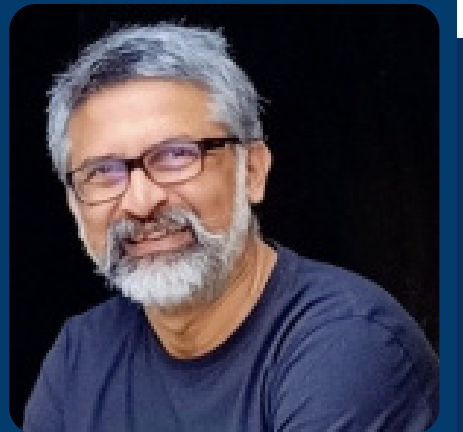
PLENARY SESSION-II 14:45 PM - 16:15 PM



DR. MANPREET SINGH
AUTHOR,
AWARDEE -ICSC RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP

**"REPOSITIONING PRIORITIES:
SHIFTS WITHIN
SIKH DIASPORA IN CANADA"**

PROF. DR. HARIHARAN
UNIVERSITY OF KERALA,
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM



**"CANADA,
OR THE DISCOVERY
OF SPACE CONTINUOUS"**



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DAY 2: 5TH MARCH 2021
(INDIA TIME)
PLENARY SESSION-III 08:30 AM - 09:30 AM



DR. CHANDRIMA CHAKRABORTY
MCMASTER UNIVERSITY, CANADA

**“TRANSFORMING CANADIAN
HISTORY: MEMORY ARCHIVE OF
THE 1985 KANISHKA BOMBING”**

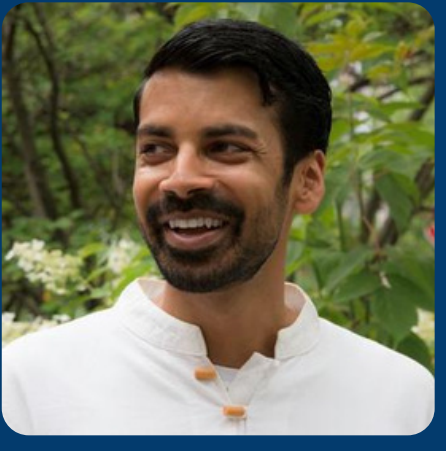
PLENARY SESSION-IV 09:30 AM - 10:45 AM

“RENDEZVOUS”



FARZANA DOCTOR
CANADIAN WRITER

DEREK MASCARENHAS
CANADIAN WRITER



“RENDEZVOUS”

TECHNICAL SESSION-II
11:00 AM-12:30 PM

TECHNICAL SESSION-III
13:00 AM-14:30 PM

PANEL DISCUSSION 14:45 PM-15:45 PM

“INDO-CANADIAN STUDIES: WHITHER FROM HITHER?”



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VALEDICTORY SESSION 16:00 PM-17:00 PM



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