

## Interdisciplinary International Diaspora Lecture Series

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## 'The Indian Ocean as Memory Space': The Indian Diaspora in Mauritius, East and South Africa

28 September 2021

3:00 PM to 5:30 PM Indian Standard Time

### Speakers:

- **Right of Memory vs. Erasure: Coolie History in Kenya 1896-1909** by **Advocate Pheroze Nowrojee**, Senior Counsel and advocate in the High Courts of Kenya, Tanzania, and Zanzibar
- **A Perspective of the South African Indian Diaspora: The Trajectory of Participation in the Broader Political Struggle for Liberation** by **Ms. Kanya Padayachee**, Independent Researcher and Former Director, Gandhi Development Trust, South Africa
- **The Voice of a Third Generation Indian Diasporan in Mauritius** by **Dr. Sooshilla Gopaul**, Open University of Mauritius

**Chair:** **Professor Anuradha Majumdar**, I/C Director, CEMAS, and Dean, Science & Technology, University of Mumbai



**Professor Anuradha Majumdar**, Dean of Faculty of Science and Technology, University of Mumbai, has a B.Pharm and M.Pharm from Nagpur University and a Ph.D. (Tech) from the University of Mumbai. She was conferred a gold medal by Nagpur University in 1996 for coming first in order of merit in M.Pharm.

Dr. Majumdar's area of specialization is Pharmacology. She has been faculty in Bombay College of Pharmacy and her research areas are Neuropharmacology, Metabolic Pharmacology and novel drug delivery systems. Her research thrust is on "Mitochondrial Dysfunction in diseases and disorders". She has several patents, publications, book chapters and international presentations to her credit. She has taken on the mantle of Dean, Science and Technology, since more than a year and has worked relentlessly towards upward benchmarking of

academics and research at the University of Mumbai. Professor Majumdar is also I/C Director of the Centre of Excellence in Maritime Studies (CEMAS), University of Mumbai.

### Speakers:



**Pheroze Nowrojee** born in Nairobi, is a leading human rights lawyer, poet and writer, who over many decades has been an influential part of the political and social movements for constitutional and social change in Kenya. He is Senior Counsel and advocate in the High Courts of Kenya, Tanzania, and Zanzibar. Nowrojee was awarded the International Bar Association's Bernard Simons Memorial Award for the Advancement of Human Rights and the prestigious Bharatiya Pravasi Samman Award by India, among many other honours, in a distinguished career. He is the author of *A Kenyan Journey* (2014), *Dukawala and Other Stories* (2017), *Pio Gama Pinto: Patriot for Social Justice* (2007) and *A Vote for Kenya: The Elections and the Constitution* (2013). Nowrojee gave the prestigious South Asian Studies Council's Annual Gandhi Lecture on October 2, 2017, at Yale University, from where he has an LLM degree.

**Kanya Padayachee** is a political and social activist who was involved in the anti-apartheid and teacher union movements through the 80s and 90s. She is currently engaged in Community Based Participatory Research in Early Childhood Development (ECD) towards a PhD. Her particular areas of research are Integral Education and the African Indigenous Knowledge Value system of Ubuntu. She and other like-minded colleagues established, in 2016, the Centre for Integral Education and Development (CIED), a non-profit organisation for the advancement of integral education within a South African context. Kanya is a mentor in the Durban University of Technology Hub of the UNESCO Knowledge for Change. She has contributed journal articles and book chapters and presented widely at International and South African conferences on her work at the Gandhi Development Trust, where she managed its community based Early Childhood Development Project, and on aspects of her PhD research.



**Sooshilla Gopaul** is a Mauritian of North Indian origin. Her research areas include contemporary poetry written by women and postcolonial literature. She has written on English poetry, modern literary theories and criticism. She was the former Head of the English Department, Mauritius Institute of Education, and is now a part-time lecturer at the Open University of Mauritius. Her recent publications are on diaspora studies and ecology. She is a life member of ASLE (Association of Studies of Literature and Environment). She has a special interest in history and has presented papers on Gandhi at international conferences in India. Her short stories are published in Mauritius and some of her poems have been published in India. She visits India regularly. She is a member of the English Speaking Union in Mauritius.

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