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Sahitya Akademi in collaboration with
Mumbai Münster Institute of Advanced Studies - MMIAS
cordially invite you to a
Seminar
on

The Indian Ocean as a Memory Space : Reflections in Indian Diasporic Literature and Culture

Venue : ICSSR Conference Hall, J.P. Naik Bhavan, University of Mumbai, Vidyanagari,
Kalina Campus, Santacruz East, Mumbai 400098

7-8 December 2023

PROGRAMME

Thursday, 7th December 2023

Inaugural Session, 10.00 a.m. - 11.15 a.m.

- Welcome : Nilufer Bharucha
(Co-Director, MMIAS, University of Mumbai)
- Introductory Remarks : Klaus Stierstorfer
(Co-Director, MMIAS, University of Münster, Germany)
- Chief Guest : Commodore Dr Srikant Kesnur, VSM (Retd.)
(Indian Navy)
- Vote of thanks : Om Nagar
(Officer-in-Charge, Sahitya Akademi Regional Office, Mumbai)

HIGH TEA

First Session, 11.45 a.m. - 1.15 p.m.

- Chair : Sridhar Rajeswaran
- Speaker : Somdatta Mandal
(*The Indian Ocean as Memoryscape: Multiple Crossings in Minal Hajratwala's Leaving India*)
- Vidya Vencatesan
(*The Coolie Odyssey*)
- Kurush Dalal
(*The Indian Ocean as Culinary Memory Space*)

LUNCH

Second Session, 2.15 p.m. - 3.45 p.m.

- Chair : Vidya Vencatesan
- Speakers : Mala Pandurang
(*A Gendered Reading of Memory Texts from East Africa*)
- Renu Modi
(*Indian Diaspora in Africa and Memory Spaces in the Indian Ocean*)
- Vidya Rao
(*Select Indo-African Diaspora Playwrights of the Post Apartheid Era*)

Friday, 8th December 2023

Third Session, 10.00 a.m. - 11.30 a.m.

- Chair : Sooshilla Gopaul
- Speakers : Sachin Labade
(Marathi Diaspora in Mauritius)
- Anagha Kamble
(Cinema and the Indian Diaspora in Africa)
- Suraj Yengde
(Diaspora, historical mobility through the oceans, migration and trade)

TEA

Fourth Session, 12.00 noon - 1.00 p.m.

- Chair : Nilufer E. Bharucha
- Speakers : Sooshilla Gopaul
(Building up the New Thalassology of the Indian Ocean through Edward A. Alpers' Views)
- Anjali Singh
(Transcending Heritage, History and Homeland: Rediscovering India in Indian Diasporic Literature from Africa)

LUNCH

Fifth Session, 2.00 p.m. - 3.00 p.m.

- Chair : Somdatta Mandal
- Speakers : Sharmila Jajodia
(Representation of Indian Diaspora in Africa in Literature)
- Preeti Shirodkar
(Vanessa Govender's Beaten but Not Broken, Covering Race and Gender)

TEA

Valedictory Session, 3.15 p.m. - 4.30 p.m.

- Chair : Klaus Stierstorfer
- Chief Guest : Smita Shukla
(I/C Director, ICSSR Western Regional Centre, University of Mumbai)
- Concluding Remarks : Nilufer Bharucha
(Co-Director, Mumbai Munster Institute of Advanced Studies - MMIAS)
- Vote of Thanks : Kirti Risbud
(Research Associate, MMIAS)

HIGH TEA

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