

# Call For Papers

For Two Day Interdisciplinary International Conference

March 20-21, 2012

At RKSD College, Kaithal

Affiliated to Kurukshetra University Kuruksetra, Haryana ( India)

**Humanism, Democracy and Culture: Postcolonial Discourse and India**

In its contextual locations, postcolonialism is said to encompass 'life' in totality (Mbembe, *Notes on the Postcolony*). However, one of the primary drives behind the inception, expansion and subsequent popularity of this discourse is the invaluable place of democratic aspirations in cultural discourse in general. While postcolonialism certainly challenges the established notions of humanism, freedom, universality and nationalism, much remains to be articulated in the context of a perpetual power struggle which spills over the historical phase of 'colonialism' and continues to control the attitudes across national and cultural boundaries. Despite the popular success of postcolonialism in the Western academic, the subtle forms of oppression through 'naturalizing' tools of power is still more popular in the developed nations and their academies. Given its size and centrality in the colonial enterprise, India holds a unique place in these developments both within and outside the postcolonial discourse. The idea of Indian humanism gained impetus from the cultural transformation of the modern state and democracy that flourished under British empire and its aftermath. But this internal transformation along with the arrival of Marxism on the Indian cultural and literary scene is a phenomenon that had complicated, often convoluted bearings on the way colonial experience gets formalized in the pluralistic ethos of India. These developments are also coincided by a revival in the literary and cultural representations of the marginalized sections of Indian society – Dalits, adivasis, among other separatist and nationalist movements. In light of this conjecture, this conference invites papers that address:

Postcolonialism and Indigenous Representation

Postcolonialism and Indian humanism

Postcolonialism and Western Aspirations

Postcolonialism and Marxism

Postcolonialism and Nativism, and Cultural Fundamentalism in East and West

Postcolonialism and Indian languages

This interdisciplinary international conference will be held on March 20-21, 2012. Previously unpublished research /submissions are welcome for 15-20 minutes presentations. However, Online presentation of papers shall also be considered only from the foreign delegates. For any enquiries, please contact Rajbir Parashar, convener of the conference/ send an abstract of 300-400 words to [rksd.englishdept@gmail.com](mailto:rksd.englishdept@gmail.com) and [rajbirparashar@gmail.com](mailto:rajbirparashar@gmail.com). The deadline for proposal is January 15, 2012. Details of registration fee, important dates and travel route will follow shortly.

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