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ONE-DAY NATIONAL CONFERENCE
“CULTURAL STUDIES TODAY”

25th NOVEMBER 2017

Venue
Seminar Hall, II Floor
Dr. P Sadananda Maiya Block
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'CULTURAL STUDIES TODAY'

ONE DAY NATIONAL CONFERENCE

The Conference "Cultural Studies Today" by and large intends to examine the contemporary directions of Cultural Studies. The dynamic nature of the discipline is such that there has been constant shifting of interests leaving its ethnographic and academic scope wide open for deliberations. The discipline which initiated itself into the realm of academics to partake in marginal and minority discourses by becoming the voice of the 'other' became global in its scope due to its transnational reach. Thanks to globalization, there has been a unique provision created for the articulation of all communities and cultures to one another.

This led to the rise of cultural anthropologists and historians who evinced interest in the subordinated communities of the world such as women, blacks, Dalits etc. Nevertheless, the question that arises at this juncture is how to make use of Cultural Studies in order to understand our life and make it worth living! Because, there is a dire need for us to reconfigure contemporary knowledge systems to our own advantage since they guide our practices only from the point of view of the western academia. Besides, we also have to look in the direction of multiple shifts in Cultural Studies which examined how the cultural formations of sub-cultures and the

working class was systematically discounted by the West and how the image of the Orient was conceived and how ethnography and anthropology have looked at the Eurocentric concepts.

Thus, how to make sense of the Human Sciences at present is a larger backdrop to the present conference. Within this framework, the Conference intends to explore making sense of Culture Studies today.

The papers are invited from scholars, researchers and teachers to reflect on the main theme of the conference or any of the following sub themes:

- ◆ **Cultural Studies for India**
- ◆ **Cultural Studies: Literature, Culture and Language**
- ◆ **Culture and Technology: Is Technology Culture Neutral?**
- ◆ **Cultural Determinism and Beyond**
- ◆ **Popular Culture and Cultural Studies**

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Research Scholars: Rs. 600.00

Teachers: Rs. 1000.00

Last date for submission of papers

18 November 2017