



International Conference

on

Decolonising English Literary Studies: Indigenous Epistemologies, Counter-Narratives, and Knowledge Futures

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ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY

Central University of Haryana (CUH), established under the Central University Act of 2009 during the XI Five-Year Plan (2007-2012), is one of the fifteen new central universities created by the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India. Accredited with an 'A' grade in the second cycle of NAAC assessment in August 2023, CUH ranks among the top 150-200 universities in the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF). Fully funded by the University Grants Commission (UGC), the university operates from its permanent 484-acre campus located in Jant-Pali villages of Mahendergarh district, Haryana, offering 83 academic programs across undergraduate, postgraduate, and research levels.

ABOUT THE DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH AND FOREIGN LANGUAGES

The Department of English and Foreign Languages, established in 2009 as an integral part of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences, is dedicated to excellence in teaching and research in the English language and literature. It aims at providing high-quality, multidisciplinary education, adopting innovative methodologies, and exploring emerging areas of study such as linguistics, comparative literature, translation studies, and literary theory. The department currently offers two programmes: M.A. in English with an intake of forty students, and a Ph.D. programme with twenty-seven research scholars presently enrolled.

It is committed to guiding students in research, linking academic programmes to societal needs, and strengthening the values of democracy and justice. Through extensive lectures, seminars, workshops and publications, the department fosters intellectual engagement and community empowerment while contributing to scholarly discourse.



ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

The Department of English and Foreign Languages, Central University of Haryana, is organising an international conference on “Decolonising English Literary Studies: Indigenous Epistemologies, Counter-Narratives and Knowledge Futures”. The current global academic landscape is marked by renewed debates on decolonisation, indigeneity, and the promotion of knowledge systems that help us rethink English literary studies in a new light. While discussions around decolonisation have been going on in academia for a considerable period now, the contemporary era is marked by a renewed vigour at studying knowledge systems that are indigenous. Writings from indigenous cultures aim at reclaiming their voice and challenging their representation by the West. While the Western rational framework still occupies a significant position in understanding one’s regional and indigenous cultures, emphasis is placed on the values and traditions that these cultures hold and the wisdom they impart. These indigenous traditions offer us a new perspective to look at the world and interpret it differently. Various literary lenses, such as postmodernism, allow space for voices from the margins to be heard. The truth, as we now understand, is no longer fixed but leaves a trace in every discussion and knowledge concerning indigenous epistemology and counter-narratives. This conference provides a platform for the academicians and scholars to fill in the gaps by analysing the fault lines and deconstructing the colonial rationality and worldview as a trace in English literary studies.



OBJECTIVES

- To reimagine English literary studies through decolonial perspectives by foregrounding the Indian Knowledge Systems
- To provide an international forum to academicians, faculty, researchers, doctoral scholars, translators, and cultural critics
- To examine counter-narratives in Indian writing in English that resist colonial, imperial, and dominant cultural discourses
- To amplify subaltern voices and explore marginalised histories, identities, and lived experiences

CONFERENCE THEMES

We invite presentations on topics including, but not restricted to, the following:

- Indigenous Epistemologies and Indian Knowledge Systems
- Counter-Narratives in Contemporary Writings in English
- Caste, Gender, Tribe, and Subaltern Subjectivities
- Translation, Regional Literatures, and Knowledge Circulation
- Ecologies, Environment, and Decolonial Futures
- Posthumanism and Indigenous Cosmologies
- Beyond the Canon: Aboriginal Sovereignties, Alternate Voices, Speculative Arts, Global Counter-Storytelling Across Emerging Forms



IMPORTANT DATES

Abstract Submission: 15th March 2026

Notification of Acceptance: 20th March 2026

Conference Fee Submission: 23rd March 2026

Full Paper Submission: 17th April 2026

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

The paper must be an original and unpublished work.

Abstract Word limit: 300 words along with keywords

Paper Word Limit: 4000-5000

The paper should adhere to the MLA 9th edition in its entirety.

Selection of papers for presentation will be confirmed after approval from the review committee.

Selected paper presenters will be provided with a separate link for registration in due course.

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION LINK

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REGISTRATION FEE

International Participants: USD 40

Faculty Members: ₹3000/-

Research Scholars (JRF/SRF): ₹2000/-

Research Scholars/Students: ₹1000/-

MA Students of CUH: ₹500/-

(Registration fee includes lunch, refreshment, and kit.)

OPPORTUNITIES

Selected papers, after peer review, will be considered for publication as:

- **International edited volumes aligned with the themes**
- **Special issues in reputed Scopus/WoS-indexed journals**
- **ISBN Book**

Processing charges for publication will be as per the selection of the paper. All publications will adhere to international ethical and editorial standards.

A certificate of appreciation will be given to the best paper presentation in each session.

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