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International Conference
on
'EXPANDING TERRITORIES: COMPARATIVE LITERATURE IN THE 21ST CENTURY'

Dates: MARCH 29-31, 2010 (Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday)

Venue: Department of English & Comparative Literary Studies, Saurashtra University, Rajkot (Gujarat)

CALL FOR PAPERS

Comparative Literature has come a long way since its emergence as a reaction against national literature in the declining decades of the 18th century, evolving amidst various challenges and crises in its brief history of the last two hundred years. In the second half of the 20th century, it tried to cope up with new realities, new territories, and disciplines that came into existence to study the new experiences. In the process, Comparative Literature strained towards interdisciplinarity, translation studies, cultural studies, multiculturalism among others. In the 21st century, Comparative Literature has to respond and adapt itself to globalization on the one hand, and localization on the other. The clash of civilization and flattening of the world are not ideas but realities. The globe would shrink further and in the process many local languages, literatures and cultures might become history. In a situation such as this, only Comparative Literature can be a site or a methodology of confluence advocating the validity of the existence of others because the day the other ceases / is disallowed to exist would be the last day for Comparative Literature as well. As such, Comparative Literature has to take note of them and respond as the 'United Nations' of literatures, cultures, disciplines and knowledge systems of the world in the 21st century.

The **sub-themes** of the conference include Comparative Literature: Concepts, its Present Status and New Territories; Comparative Interdisciplinary Studies and Knowledge Systems; Comparative Literature and Literatures on the Margin; Comparative Literature and Translation Studies; Comparative Literature, Multiculturalism and Cultural, Folk and Oral Studies; Comparative Literature and Globalization with Special Reference to the Future of Languages; Comparative Literature and Indian Linguistics, Literary and Pedagogic Realities; Comparative Literature and Area Studies, Comparative Literature and New Genres in an Age of Science and Technology.

Abstracts of proposed papers (of around 250 words) should reach by **15th February, 2010** to either Professor Kamal Mehta, Convener, Seminar Sessions Committee or Dr. Sanjay Mukherjee, Department of English and Comparative Literary Studies, Saurashtra University, Rajkot- 360005 (Gujarat) preferably as soft copy mailed to iclcar2010@gmail.com.

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