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on

Trauma, Resilience and Healing: Representations in South Asian Literature and Culture

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Keynote Address

20 Feb 2025



Radhika Mohanram

Cardiff University,
Wales, United Kingdom

Teaches postcolonial studies and critical theory in the School of English, Communication and Philosophy at Cardiff University, Wales. She recently completed a major funded project theorising non-Western trauma, "Refugee Wales," and is currently completing her monograph on the 1947 Indian partition. She was the Chair of EACLALS from 2021 to 2023.

Valedictory Address

22 Feb 2025



Kalpana Kannabiran

Sociologist and Legal
Researcher

Formerly a teacher and academic administrator in higher education, she has been a rights educator and campaigner. She has published widely on the need for constitutional sensibilities in everyday life and sociality, the sociology of gender and human rights, and law and literature.

Conference Venue

BITS Pilani Hyderabad Campus,
Jawahar Nagar, Shameerpet Mandal,
Hyderabad, Telangana, India 500078

[Click here to access the conference location.](#)

<https://www.iaclals.com/annual-conference.html>

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- Annual Membership (Conference Special): Rs 500
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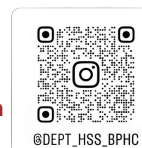
Register for the Conference

- 3-day Fee: Rs 1850 (inclusive of GST) - includes Lunch, Refreshments, Attendance Certificate, Conference Kit
- 1-day Fee: Rs 610 (inclusive of GST) - includes Lunch, Refreshments, Attendance Certificate

For registration, please visit:

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About the Conference

Cataclysmic events result in corresponding archives of expressive resources, including oral narratives, writings, and performing arts, which memorialize responses of those who experience the ordeals. South Asia has witnessed traumatic historical and political crises, economic and ecological disruptions, and cultural and sociological disturbances which have shaped or reshaped histories of belonging, hybridized, recreated or contested identities, thereby precipitating conditions wherein people find themselves in perpetual flux. This region has also witnessed peoples' resilience and the coming into play of the forces of healing. It is important to understand how trauma occasions resilience, and how its narrativization and/or depiction transforms experiences into aestheticized expressions. A few of the questions this conference addresses include: How do literary and cultural representations and the politics of preservation and documentation (re)shape personal and collective memory; how do they serve as acts of resistance against the silencing of traumatic histories and/or experiences and how do archives reflect or resist personal and/or collective memory and identity. For more about the Conference, please visit: <https://iaclals.in/annual-conference/>.

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About IACLALS

IACLALS, the Association for Commonwealth Literature and Language Studies in India (Regd.) – is the officially recognized Indian chapter of the International ACLALS (Association for Commonwealth Literature and Language Studies). The International ACLALS was formed in 1964 commencing with a conference at the University of Leeds. IACLALS was instituted in India in 1974. Its objectives are to promote and coordinate PostColonial/Commonwealth Literature Studies in India through seminars, workshops and lectures by writers and scholars including those visiting India. It also holds an annual conference in collaboration with various Universities and Institutions in India. IACLALS awards two prestigious prizes. The CDN (C. D. Narasimhaiah) Prize was instituted in 2006 in memory of the founding Chairperson of IACLALS, Late Professor C. D. Narasimhaiah and is awarded for the Best Paper presented at the IACLALS Annual Conference. The MMM (Meenakshi Mukherjee Memorial) Prize was instituted in 2011 in memory of the second Chairperson, Late Prof. Meenakshi Mukherjee and is awarded for the Best Paper published by a member(s) of the IACLALS during the block of previous two years. For more about the Association, please visit: www.iaclals.in

BITS Pilani, Hyderabad Campus

BITS Pilani, Hyderabad Campus (BPHC) is one of India's premier technical and science institutes of higher learning. Established in 2008, it is one of the latest campuses of the Birla Institute of Technology and Science, Pilani (Rajasthan), a deemed university and an Institute of Eminence. The sprawling campus with state-of-the-art infrastructure is spread over 200 acres and is built amidst lush greenery without affecting the area's scenic beauty.

Department of Humanities and Social Sciences at BPHC

The Department of Humanities and Social Sciences has faculty specialising in a range of research areas from different disciplines. The department is committed to promoting value-oriented learning, respect for diversity, critical thinking, development of social-political values and cognitive capacities required for examining the world around us, and cultural and aesthetic appreciation of various art forms and literary genres.

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