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## International Conference on *Imaging and Imagining Literatures and Cultures: India, Canada and Latvia*

on 29th November, 2016 at the JBAS College Auditorium, Chennai

### Introduction

Popular imagination is inhabited by images of countries like India, Canada and Latvia that range from the beautiful to the volatile, from the exotic to the extremist and the ethnic to the western. To comprehend the complexities of three paradigms has been a matter of constant academic challenge. With the popular media inhabiting the public imagination with contrasting images of these countries, the very process of imaging and imagining and their ramifications on the academia and non-academia present an interesting field of study.

### Collaboration

The Justice Basheer Ahmed Sayeed (JBAS) College for Women, Chennai in collaboration with Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute, New Delhi, the Centre for Canadian Studies and the Department of English, University of Madras is organizing a one-day International Seminar entitled '**Imaging and Imagining Literatures and Cultures- India, Canada, Latvia**'. The obvious concerns of the seminar would be to orient/disorient the gaze towards these nations.

### Speakers

**Dr. Moosa Raza**, Chairman, Southern India Educational Trust(SIET) and former Chief Secretary to Jammu and Kashmir and Former Secretary Govt. of India will inaugurate the seminar at the College Auditorium on 29/11/2016 at 10 a.m.

**Dr. Daniel Drache**, Prof. Emeritus Roberts Centre for Canadian Studies, York University, Canada, will speak on '**Racism and Multiculturalism in Canada**'.

**Prof. N. Natarajan**, Professor and Head (Retd), Department of English, Pondicherry University will speak on '**Human Mind: Freud, Levi Strauss and Lacan**'.

**Dr. Sigma Ankrava**, Head, Faculty of Humanities, University of Latvia, Latvia will speak on '**Formation of Latvian Literature as Indigenous Literature**'.

**Dr. Noel Joseph Irudayaraj**, Professor and Head (Retd), Department of English, Bharathidasan University will speak on '**Bonding of Literature and Culture: Canada and India**'.

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**Dr. T. Marx**, Associate Professor of English, Pondicherry University, will speak on '**Indigenous Cultural Discourses- Indian Context**'.

Faculty members and students from city colleges will be invited to attend the conference.

## **Book Launch**

**Dr. S. R. Armstrong** (Professor & Head, Department of English, Coordinator, Centre for Canadian Studies, University of Madras) has edited two books, one on Multiculturalism and one on Canadian Literature. These two books will be launched in the inaugural function of the conference. Students will perform plays of Canada and India too.