

2. **Framed by the Gaze: Tribal Tourism in the Indian Context** - **Ms. Neetha Prasad**, Assistant Professor, Department of English, SD College, Alappuzha.
3. **Treasuring Indigenous Knowledge: Climate Change and Inuit Traditional Ecological Knowledge** - **Ms. Reshma P. K.**, PhD Research Scholar, Institute of English.

**10 February 2023**

10.00 a.m.

## Plenary Session II

### Chair

**Dr. Richard Tremblay**,

Visiting Researcher, Kerala Kalamandalam  
Deemed to be University.

**Dr. Meena T. Pillai**, Professor, Institute of  
English and Dean, Faculty of Arts, University of Kerala.

11.15 a.m.

### Chair

**Paper Presentations: Session III -  
Forms of Hegemony and Interventions**

**Dr. Suja Kurup P. L.**

Professor, Institute of English and Director, School of English  
and Foreign Languages, University of Kerala..

1. **Integration of Indigenous Communities into Hinduism: Role of Mass Media** - **Dr. Muhammad Sihas K. M.**, Assistant Professor, Department of Rural and Tribal Sociology, Kannur University and **Dr. Lekshmi V. Nair**, Professor, Department of Humanities, Indian Institute of Space and Technology.
2. **Indigenous Life Ways: The Visual Images of the Kani Tribe of the Western Ghats** - **Ms. Soumya S.**, Assistant Professor, Department of English, University College, Trivandrum.
3. **Imaginings of the Umwelt in Indigenous Expressions** - **Ms. Amruthashree R.**, PhD Research Scholar, Institute of English.
4. **Histories and Memories of Alienation and Marginalization: A Case Study of Indigenous Communities in Wayanad Wildlife Sanctuary** - **Ms. Athira P. T.**, PhD Research Scholar, Department of Political Sciences, SN College, Kollam.

2.30 p.m.

3.30 p.m.

### Welcome

### Presidential Address

### Valedictory Address

### Vote of Thanks

### Feedback

### Valedictory Session

**Dr. Lakshmi Priya** Assistant Professor, Institute of English.

**Dr. B. Hariharan** Professor and Head, Institute of  
English and Director, UGC Area Study Centre for  
Canadian Studies.

**Dr. C. A. Lal** Professor, Institute of English & Director,  
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**Dr. Lakshmi Sukumar**

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# NATIONAL CONFERENCE ECOLOGICAL COMPOSITIONS: INDIGENOUS RESPONSES FROM INDIA AND CANADA



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Indigenous communities, world over, are a heterogeneous group with distinct histories, memories, beliefs and patterns of life. They share intimate affinity with nature and identify themselves in relation to their immediate ecological environment. Their creative expressions are closely knit to their everyday lived experiences and memories and their responses to it. In the contemporary milieu the presence/absence or loss of such ecospheres are a matter of grave concern which needs to be addressed from within the larger discourse of developmental paradigms. The very idea of evolutionary history of development and claims of modernity are in many ways problematized, challenged and resisted within indigenous everyday spaces as well as narrative compositions. Creative compositions of the community embark on a passionate journey that documents hitherto overlooked aspects of life as experienced and lived in close communion with nature. In the contemporary sociocultural narratives indigenous writings are strong political statements that assert histories and memories once lost to colonial/feudal hegemonies. Creative expressions become a critical method of knowledge formation that distinctively affirm self/collective identity. The Conference 'Ecological Compositions: Indigenous Responses from India and Canada' seeks to address the narrative spaces of self-assertion indigenous creative compositions from India and Canada put forward.

**Prof. B. Hariharan**

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**09 February 2023**

10.00 a.m.

**Inaugural Session**

**Welcome**

**Dr. Lakshmi Priya N.**

Assistant Professor, Institute of English.

**Presidential Address**

**Dr. B. Hariharan**

Professor and Head, Institute of  
English and Director, UGC Area Study Centre  
for Canadian Studies.

**Inauguration &  
Keynote Address**

**Dr. A. Jameela Begum**

Professor and Head (Rtd.)  
Institute of English & Founder Director, UGC Area  
Study Centre for Canadian Studies.

**Vote of Thanks**

**Dr. Lakshmi Sukumar**

Assistant Professor, Institute of English

11.30 a.m.

**Plenary Session I**

**Dr. Dheeman Bhattacharyya**

Assistant Professor, Centre for Comparative Literature,  
BhashaBhavana, Visva - Bharati, Santiniketan.

**Chair**

**Dr. A. Jameela Begum**

Professor and Head (Rtd.), Institute of English &  
Founder Director, UGC Area Study Centre for Canadian Studies.

12.15 p.m.

**Paper Presentations: Session I  
Theatre and Performance**

**Chair**

**Dr. Appu Jacob John** Assistant Professor, Institute of English.

1. **Eco-crisis Echoed in Chantal Bilodeau's *Sila*** **Mr. Supthita Pal** PhD Research Scholar in English, School of Humanities, Social Sciences and Management, NIT Karnataka.
2. **Elements of Performativity: Practice of Rematriation in Rebecca Belmore's *Select Performances*** **Shilpa U. M.**, PhD Research Scholar, Institute of English.

1.45p.m.

**Reading and Performance**

**Tribal Poetry**

**Mr. Sukumaran Chaligatha** (Bethimaran),  
**Ms. Bindu Irulam, Ms. Dhanya Vengachery,**  
**Mr. Ajayan Madoor, Mr. Shivalingan P.,**  
**Ms. Sindhu Manganiyan, Ms. Sreeja.**

**Chair**

**Dr. Anilkumar David, Poet**

3.45 p.m.

**Paper Presentation: Session II -  
Land and Sustainable Tradition**

**Chair**

**Mr. Vishnu Narayanan** Assistant Professor, Institute of English.

1. **The Anti-Dam Movement in Dzongu and its Limitations -**  
**Dr. Vaidyanath Nishant**, Assistant Professor, Dept. of English and Cultural  
Studies, Christ (Deemed to be) University, Bangalore) & **Dr. E. K. Santha**  
(Independent Researcher, Gangtok).

