



## ***International Mother Language Day, 21 February 2023***

National Multilingual Education Resource Consortium (NMRC)  
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School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi  
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### **Decolonising Higher Education: Multilingual Pedagogy and Epistemic Justice**

Venue: Committee Room, SSS I, Jawaharlal Nehru University

**Date: 21 February 2023**

**Convener: Professor Minati Panda, Jawaharlal Nehru University**

The seminar titled, “**Decolonising Higher Education: Multilingual Pedagogy and Epistemic Justice**” aims at creating dialogue between eminent scholars, institutions and pedagogic systems on coloniality of languages in India and the transformative role multilingual pedagogy can play in the academic life of students from the marginalized communities. It encourages dialogue on how higher education could be accessed better if mediational barriers are minimized linguistically, cognitively and inter subjectively. Speakers from five different universities – JNU, AUD, Askoka, Azim Premji and Delhi University – are presenting their hitherto used pedagogic practices and are discussing what kind of language-in-education policy the higher education institutes need for transforming the pedagogic space into a more inclusive one.

#### **Session I**

- 09:45 am**      **Welcome and introduction to the conference theme**
- 10:00 am**      **Decolonising Higher Education: Multilingual Pedagogy and Epistemic Justice**  
Professor Minati Panda, JNU
- 10:30 am**      **Multilinguality as mirroring the primal scene of language acquisition**  
Professor Tanmoy Bhattacharya, Delhi University

#### **Session II**

- Chair :**        **Asha Sarangi, JNU**
- 11:00 am**      **Multilingual Pedagogies for Equity and Inclusion: Some Initiatives at Azim Premji University**

A Giridhar Rao, Azim Premji University

**11:30 am**      **Languages in higher education - Why, whose and how?**  
Shivani Nag, Dr. B. R. Ambedkar University

### **Session III**

**12:00 pm**      **Round Table 1**  
**From school to college: Reproduction of linguistic inequality**

**Chair: Parimala V. Rao, JNU**

Sruthi Ranjani - Masters in Learning Sciences, University of Paris  
Vrinda Bhatia - PhD scholar, ZHCES, JNU  
Themhorchan Shadang, AUD

**Lunch: 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm**

### **Session IV**

**Chair: Professor Saumen Chattopadhyay, JNU**

**2:00 pm**      **Can the Communicative and the Cognitive Converge?: A Look at the Ashoka University's English Language Teaching Programme**  
Jyotirmoy, Ashoka University

**2:30 pm**      **Teaching Social Sciences Multilingually in Contemporary Times**  
Asha Sarangi, JNU

**3:00 pm**      **Coloniality of Power, Language and Education**  
Papia Sengupta, JNU

**4:00 – 5:30 pm Round Table 2**

**Listening and Talking to Students in Higher Education Classrooms**

### **Session V**

**Chair: Suresh Babu, JNU**

Maninder Thakur, JNU  
Vivek Kumar, JNU  
Suneeta Mishra, DU  
Garima Dalal, Linguistic Empowerment Cell, JNU

**Vote of Thanks**