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#### About the Seminar:

Established academic disciplines, despite their immense contribution in making the sense of life and the world, seem to be inadequate to encapsulate the multipronged, bewildering and ever changing phenomenon of capitalistic, casteist, racist and patriarchal domination. Traditional academic disciplines are unilateral and largely status quoist in nature. Postmodern reading of literature and cultural artefacts demands conglomeration of various theoretical perspectives in which multiple approaches and disciplines would be brought together in order to make sense of the contemporary dominant structures and subtle hegemonic strategies. Postmodern turn has inevitably blurred the disciplinary boundaries by reinterpreting evolution, biological characteristics and psychological behavioral patterns with technological sodality. Postmodernism poses certain questions to the established disciplines which advocate capitalism, casteism and racism and provides a transdisciplinary perspective to reinterpret and challenge the epistemology of domination. In fact, from Frankfurt school to Birmingham Centre of Contemporary Cultural Studies to French Postmodern theoretical movement to Phule-Ambedkar school in India, the theoretical positions and methods are transdisciplinary in nature which may significantly be adopted in reading literary texts and cultural artefacts. The seminar, therefore, intends to transcend the division of disciplines and combines reading literature with social theory, political economy, feminist discourses, cultural criticism, anthropological discourses, media and issues of representation, theories of identity crisis, social media and cyber culture etc. in order to critique the hegemonic establishments and indicate the possibilities of sociopolitical and cultural transformation.

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- The Evolved Body of Biology
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- Language and Power Politics

## **Important Dates:**

| Submission of Abstract                                   | 30th January, 2020              |
|--|---------------------------------|
| Intimation of acceptance                                 | 5th February, 2020              |
| Last date for Registration &<br>Submission of full paper | 10 <sup>th</sup> February, 2020 |

## About the Department of English:

Ever since its inception in 1962 under the incharge headship of Dr. M. N. Wankhede, the Department of English has been continually engaged in scholarly pursuits and extension services. It has a rich tradition of teaching and scholarship. It has produced a considerably large number of research papers, articles, reviews and books on a wide range of literary and socio-cultural issues. The Department is also known for the trend setting creative writers, critics and translators like Prof. Dr. D. V. K. Raghavacharyulu, Dr. G.S. Amur, Prof. V.V. Yardi, Dr. V.R.N. Prasad, Dr. Chandra Shekhar Jahagirdar and Dr. Bhalchandra Nemade etc. Faculty have been recipients of prestigious awards instituted by Government of India, Sahitya Academy, New Delhi.

The Department had provisionally been offering traditional courses in English Language and Literature, focusing primarily on the study of mainstream British Literature. The focus started shifting in the late 1970s with the introduction of American Literature, Comparative Literature, Indian Writing in English, Translation Studies, and Creative Writing, Cultural studies, Film Studies etc. During the last two decades the Department has emerged as a major centre for post-graduate studies in all the recent disciplines and discourses in language, literature and Critical Theory.

The alumni of the Department are employed in prestigious educational institutions all over the country as well as Central & State Govt. Services. The Department has organized various national and international conferences and workshops. Eminent personalities like Nobel Laureate William Golding, renowned African-American writer Gloria Naylor, creative writers like Vellerie Miner, Meher Pestonji, Kaveri Nambisan, Rangnath Pathare and renowned critical thinkers Aijaz Ahmed, Thomas Hansen, Suraj Yengde, V. Geetha and a host of international scholars from USA, UK as well as other parts of the world have visited the Department.