



TWO DAYS INTERNATIONAL E-CONFERENCE
ON
“SUBALTERN & SUBDUED VOICES IN LITERATURE AND SOCIETY”

FROM

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CONCEPT NOTE:

Historians trace the origin of the term “subaltern” to the Italian Marxist thinker and writer Antonio Gramsci. Subaltern, in the Gramscian sense, would mean the subordinate, the inferior or the inferior. Subaltern studies gained prominence in the postcolonial discourse in the 1980s when a group of Indian historians and thinkers led by Ranajit Guha sought to relook history from the vantage point of the political and social underclass rather than the Eurocentric elites’ point of view. Gayatri Spivak Chakravorty, who has since emerged as one of the leading voices of this school of thought has approached her analysis of the Indian history using various theories including Marxism, feminism and deconstruction.

Subaltern studies has been actively engaged in re-reading history, literature and other discourses in terms of the subdued and muffled voices of the ‘others’. The end of colonialism has never meant the end of hegemonic control by the elites. Franz Fanon in *The Wretched of the Earth* claims that the process of decolonization is inherently violent. Postcolonial nations across the world have been witnessing a surge in centralized control over resources by the newly created elite class. The narrative of the economic, political, social underclass has largely been subdued and oppressed. The Conference aims to reclaim these narratives and explore the ‘other’ side of the process of decolonization. The Conference seeks to call for research papers pertaining, but not limited, to the following areas of study:

1. The trajectory of the Subaltern Studies in Postcolonial Asia and Africa
2. Dalit Literature, Literatures from the North- East India
3. Re-reading the histories of the Indigenous people
4. Discourse on Gender Rights and Literature
5. Economic Subjugation of the underprivileged
6. Political and Economic Migration
7. Refugee Crisis and its solutions
8. The psyche of the Oppressed
9. Insurgency and its Impacts in the postcolonial nations
10. Legal discourse regarding the minorities (Gender, Religion, Community)
11. Representation of the “Other” in Media, Culture and Indian Politics
12. Gender Perception and Identity Conflict

The Conference invites critical contributions on the mentioned themes from interested academicians, faculties, research scholars A multi-disciplinary approach to the above discourses is highly encouraged.

Fields of Study:- History, Literature, Gender Studies, Economics, Politics, Law, Psychology, Philosophy, Administration, Sociology & Defense Studies.

Last date for Abstract submission (200 – 300 words): 22nd January, 2022

Last date of Registration: 25th January, 2022

Fee payment details:

- Participants: Free
- Paper Presenters (Teacher): Rs. 700 only.
- Paper Presenters (Scholars & Students): Rs. 500 only.

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