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on

“WHICH WAY THE HUMAN RIGHTS? TREATMENT OF CHILDREN, WOMEN,
AND OLD PEOPLE
IN

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Call for Papers

SEMINAR “WHICH WAY THE HUMAN RIGHTS? TREATMENT OF CHILDREN, WOMEN, AND OLD PEOPLE IN INDIAN ENGLISH AND AMERICAN LITERATURES

CONCEPT NOTE

The first half of the twentieth century was marked by conflicts, communist revolutions, and two wars. Millions of people died and many millions became homeless. There was rampant crime, violence, cruelty, torture-- perpetrated by the powerful over the powerless. Hunger, deprivation, destitution, fear death, murder, oppression and exploitation were the hallmarks of the times. None felt secure from the rampant inhuman misery inflicted upon humanity by human beings only. Man became the greatest enemy of man—the deadly beast devoid of sympathy, goodness, and grace—slouching over a vast terrain in search of the human blood. The basic human rights, especially of the old people, women, children and the poor, took a severe beating at the hands of such totalitarian perpetrators of random crime and violence. Man and women needed a guaranteed protection of their life, dignity, and integrity from the blood thirsty hounds of humanity. After the end of the Second World War and the creation of the United Nations, the international community strongly felt that the human rights to life, dignity, integrity, and to other necessary things for a meaningful survival needed to be preserved and propagated by rule of law. The world leaders came forward to “supplement the U.N. Charter with a map to guarantee the rights of every individual everywhere.”

The United Nations Declaration of Human Rights was adopted by the UN General Assembly in an environment of perfect unity and amity on 10 December 1948. The existing Declaration contains a preamble and thirty points calling upon the Member States to publicize the Text and to “cause it to be disseminated, displayed, read and expounded principally in schools and other educational institutions without distinctions based on the political status of countries or territories.” The Preamble of the UNHRD opens with a revolutionary “recognition of the inherent dignity and of the equal and inalienable rights of all members of the human family is the foundation of freedom, justice, and peace in the world.” The Declaration then goes on to enumerate the guarantee of the various rights of men and women irrespective of race, gender, country, class, political affiliations, and age etc. which could provide unhampered all round growth of men and women everywhere in the world. Significant among these constituencies are right to life, equality, liberty, dignity, profession, property, marriage, education, fairness, justice, privacy, safety, and equal access to public services and political affiliations, etc. It closes with a call to the beneficiaries to accord utmost importance to these rights and construe them in the right

spirit for the total growth of humanity in the great march of Nature towards the ultimate goal of a perfect and ideal human being.

The Osmania Centre for International Programs (OUCIP) organising a three day International Seminar on the treatment of Human Rights in the Indian English and American Literatures. India and America are two great democracies of the world and both are signatories to the UNHRD. Both nations bear a special burden as torch bearers of human rights—for their protection, preservation, propagation in today's world fraught with racial strife, cold war, power blocs, and nuclear rivalries. The very DNA of the two countries necessitates respect for human life, liberty, and dignity. The American nation was conceived of as a City on the Hill by the founding fathers—an ideal state which provided ideal material and spiritual conditions for a spontaneous growth of man and woman to an ideal condition free from evil. Hence, America played the key lead role in the formulation and declaration of the UNHRD. On the other hand, India is a land of Krishna, Buddha, Mahavir, Gandhi and Ambedkar who laid utmost premium on human life, equality, dignity, and freedom. Literature holds as mirror to a particular society at a given time. Writers offer a dispassionate critique of the prevalent social realities. These human concerns are therefore amply reflected in the life and literature of the two countries. The Seminar intends to deliberate upon such projections and reflections in the literatures of the two countries with special reference to the most vulnerable segments of the two societies, i.e. Children, Women, and Old People. It would help to have a comparative view of the issue and to gauge the state of human rights in the two largest democracies of the world. The writers' critiques of the state of human rights in the two nations will help gauge the current state/ status of human rights in terms of their enforcement, problems in the enforcement, and the suggested remedies on the social, political, economic, professional, and other levels. The findings will be published in the form of an Anthology to make the findings/inferences of the Seminar to other scholars, teachers, and human rights activists. It might lead open up new avenues for further research in the field.

Papers are invited from scholars, teachers, human rights activists, legal luminaries, and others on the following key aspects and related areas of the human rights issues:
Children and Human Rights in American Literature / Indian English Literature.
Women and Human Rights in American Literature / Indian English Literature.
Old People and Human Rights in American Literature/Indian English Literature

Besides, the seminar will cover a host of other issues related to Human Rights amid the existing social, political, and economic conditions all over the world.

Paper Presentation

Abstract should reach on / before 01st September 2014, to oucippogrammes@gmail.com
MS Word 97-2003 format with Times New Roman, 12 Font, along with Title, Authors names, Address, email.

Presentation facilities: Multimedia projectors for Power Point presentations (MS office) will be made available.

Conference Important Dates

1. Abstracts Confirmation : 15th September 2014
2. Registration : 15th October 2014
3. With Late Fee : 15th November 2014

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1	Osmania University Teachers & Scholars	2000/-	1500	3000/-	2000	2,500/-
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Mode of Payment:

Bank draft in favor of “Director, Osmania University Centre for International Programmes” payable at Hyderabad, AP, India.

Visa

All overseas participants require a valid passport and entry visa for India. Please consult your travel agency or nearest Indian Embassy/ Consulate Office. Kindly intimate us once your travel plan is ready give us details to inform the Ministry of External affairs, Home ministry, Govt. of India, DST govt. of India, Home ministry, Govt. of Andhra Pradesh and security agencies.

Insurance

The registration fees do not include insurance for the participants regarding accidents, sickness or loss of personal property. Participants are requested to make their own arrangements with respect to health and travel insurance.

Osmania University

With a sprawling campus of nearly 1600 acres and buildings of majestic beauty and architectural splendor, Osmania University, is perhaps, the largest higher education system in the Country. It is a home to nearly 300,000 students pursuing their higher studies in its Campus, Constituent, Affiliated Colleges and District Centres. Its faculty and staff number nearly 5000. It is a multi-faculty and multidisciplinary university, offering rich and varied courses in the fields of Humanities, Arts, Sciences, Social Sciences, Law, Engineering, Technology, Commerce and Business Management, Information Technology and Oriental Languages. The University’s strategic planning, teaching-and-learning policies and research direction have always emphasized respect for the concerns of the society and the need to address the issues that challenge it.

In recognition of its excellent academic achievements, Osmania University had the distinction of being awarded the 'A' Grade status by the National Accreditation and Assessment Council (NAAC) of the University Grants Commission, Government of India in the year 2008.

OUCIP

Osmania University Centre for International Programmes came into existence in September 2006 after the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India, handed over the management and administration of the American Studies Research Center (ASRC) to Osmania University. It is housed in the building complex of the ASRC and has inherited its academic and infrastructural strengths. However, OUCIP has broadened its scope and added new fields of study from humanities and social studies to American Studies. This was done with the realization that a single discipline Centre with a single source of funding was neither possible nor feasible in the context of the growing need for multi- and inter-disciplinarity within the academia. It was also felt that Osmania University located in the city of Hyderabad, needed to reflect the multi dimensional growth and reach of the city that has been evolving as a major hub for the new knowledge's emerging in different fields. OUCIP was thus conceived to complement the special status of the City in which it is located while retaining its strength in the disciplines of American Studies and International Relations acquired over four decades.

General Information about Hyderabad

Hyderabad is the pearl city of India developed on the banks of Moosi River by the Nizam dynasty. This 400 year old city was named after Hyder Mahal wife of the ruler Quli Qutab Shah. Hyderabad is the capital of Telangana and is a cosmopolitan city on the fast track. The elegant buildings, marbled temples and monuments stand testimony to it. It shows cases a unique convergence of tradition with modernity. The city is dotted with various tourist attractions like Salarjung Museum, Charminar, Chowmahalla palace, Golconda Fort, Nehru Zoological Park, Birla Mandir, Birla Planetarium/Science Museum, Shilparamam, Hussain Sagar Lake, Lumbini Park, Ramoji Film City, Mount opera and Jalavihar etc. The city is sure to provide a myriad of experiences and delight to the visitors with its splendor and magnificent palaces that enchant past glory.

Time: GMT+5 hours 30 minutes

Electricity: 230 - 240V, 50HZ

Weights & Measures: Metric

Weather:

During the period of conference, the climate of Hyderabad will be cool and pleasant. The day temperatures range from 25 to 30°C and night temperatures from 8 to 12°C with clear sky. Light winter clothing is required during month of December.

Currency Exchange:

Indian rupees is the currency used at Hyderabad and the exchange rate is approximately 57/- Indian Rupees for one US\$. All countries major currency can be exchanged at Hyderabad. One can get the currency exchanged at Airport/ Star Hotel.

ATMs are Available for all major International and National banks.

Credit cards: Credit cards viz., American Express, Diners Club, Master Card and Visa are widely accepted.

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 - Five star hotels
 - Budget hotels
 - Economy hotels
 - Guest houses

(Very limited accommodation first come first serve basis)

Note: All the participants should send emails to the concerned sections along with print form of registration duly signed along with DD
Date

Place

Signature of the Participant