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Ecological Humanities
Recent Paradigms
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About the Institute
National Institute of Technology Uttarakhand is amongst the 10 New NITs, located in the hilly terrain of Srinagar Garhwal on the banks of Alaknanda River. NIT Uttarakhand was established in 2009 under the act of Parliament of India by the Ministry of Human Resource Development and designated with the status of “Institute of National Importance”. The Institute has made rapid growth in the recent past in terms of starting new academic curriculum, development of laboratories and infrastructure.

About the Department of HSS
The Department of Humanities and Social Sciences came into existence in June 2019. The department has been imparting value-oriented learning as a part of the Department of Sciences and Humanities since the inception of the Institute in 2010. The Department seeks to forge an interactive participation among faculty, students and social surroundings. Catering to the concurrent needs of industry, corporate sector, individuals and society, the Department has been offering multifarious courses to B.Tech and M.Tech. students. Several teaching methodologies are employed to facilitate deep understanding of the course contents. The Department has been offering PhD program since 2014 in the emerging areas of Humanities and Social Sciences.

For more details, please visit the Institute website www.nituk.ac.in
With the news of roaring rivers engulfing land and population, dramatic weather swings, droughts, desertification, wildfires, sea-level rise, warming and acidifying oceans, animal and plant extinction and glacial floods, of late, in Uttarakhand state buzzing in our ears, it is evident that although the discourse of Science has been and continues to be effectively operational in issuing repeated warnings about the Ecological crisis, the scientific jargon of the Research and debates on the pressing issue have not been able to incite much action from the general masses.

In such a scenario, it becomes quintessential to bridge the gap between Sciences and Humanities and reflect upon a more interdisciplinary approach such as Environmental humanities that amalgamates sciences with humane values, ethics, culture and a sense of responsibility towards the environmental problems that haunt the Earth and its resources in the Anthropocene.

The Conference is structured to provide an excellent opportunity to delve deep into the area of Environmental/Ecological Humanities and synthesize methods to create new ways of thinking to tackle the Ecological crisis, which is as perilous as the current COVID-19 crisis. The seminar will focus on the following themes-

i. The Age of Anthropocene, Climate Crisis- its denial and impact
ii. The introduction and need to incorporate Humanities into the scientific circles and debates concerning the Environment.
iii. Environmental Humanities as a tool towards ‘conscience-raising’, through its comprehensive and holistic approach.
iv. Development and Exploration of New critical methodologies emerging in field of Literary and Cultural Studies that bring together both Sciences and Humanities to solve the current Ecological crisis.

Who can participate?
The online National Conference invites post-graduate students, M.Phil and PhD Scholars, Post-doctoral Scholars and faculty members interested in the areas of Ecology and Environment and seeking ways to conserve Earth and its resources.

Call for Abstracts
Prospective authors are invited to submit their abstracts in not more than 250 words and bio-notes (50 words) on the topics related to the conference on or before March 05, 2021 by 5:30 pm through below-mentioned Registration Link.

- **Registration Fee**: No registration fee from participants from TEQIP-III Institutes.
- **Participants from Non-TEQIP-III Institutes** 500/- INR (Non-refundable).
- **The fee must be deposited through online mode only.**
- **The organizers reserve the right to invite selected papers.**

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**Registration Link**: [https://forms.gle/sERznYDWGj6G5A](https://forms.gle/sERznYDWGj6G5A)

**Last date of Registration**: March 05, 2021.

**Certification**: E-certificates will be issued to the registered participants only.

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**PLENARY SPEAKER**

**Dr. Asis De**

Dr. Asis De is Associate Prof. of English and Head of the Department of English, Mahishadal Raj College, West Bengal, India. His most recent works include The Partitioning ‘Shadow Lines’: The Border, the ‘Other’ and the Eco-literary in the Hungry Tide and The Great Derangement (2020), Lost Years of Nomad: Exploring Indian Experience in Nuruddin Farah’s oeuvre (2020), Cultural Ecotone and transformation of the Human Geography in Mahasweta Devi’s Chhotti Munda and his arrow (2019). Dr De co-edited (with Dr Ajay K Chaubey) *Mapping South Asian Diaspora* (Rawat) in 2018.