IACLALS ANNUAL CONFERENCE

February 20-22, 2025 BITS-Pilani, Hyderabad Campus Programme Schedule

Day 1: 20th Feb., 2025

9:00 am to 9:45 am Inaugural Session (F101)

- Welcome Address: Shilpaa Anand, Conference Convenor & Head, Department of Humanities & Social Sciences, BITS Pilani, Hyderabad Campus
- Introduction to IACLALS: Swati Pal, Vice-Chair, IACLALS
- Opening Remarks on the Theme of the Conference: M Asaduddin, Chairperson, IACLALS
- Chief Guest's Address: Soumyo Mukherji, Director, BITS Pilani, Hyderabad Campus
- Vote of Thanks: Tony Sebastian, Conference Secretary, BITS Pilani, Hyderabad Campus

9:45 to 10:30 am Keynote Session (F101) (PLENARY)

Keynote Address: Radhika Mohanram Title: "Complexifying Trauma Theory"

Chair: M Asaduddin

10:30 to 11:00 am Tea

11 am to 12:00 pm Parallel Session 1

11 am to 12:00 pm Session 1.1: Trauma and the Question of Genre (F 101)

Chair: Swati Pal

Archival Bildungsromane: Twisted Family Histories, Nostalgia, and the Partition

Sharmista Sen Gupta

Healing and moving on: Violence and the Everyday

Reetu Raj Kashyap

Fragmented Memories and National Identity in Fikr Taunsvi's *The Sixth River* Through the Lens of Trauma Studies

Nahid Sana Khan

11 am to 12:00 pm Session 1.2: Growing Up with Trauma 1 (F103)

Chair: M.G. Prasuna

Child Trauma and Pain: A Comparative Study of *The Kite Runner* and *A Thousand Splendid Suns* by Khalid Hosseini

Mohd. Ishaq Ahmed

Children wandering far from home: Trauma, Gender and Resilience in Children's Literature featuring Rohingyas

Arpita Sen

Farah Bashir's Rumours of Spring: Girlhood at Siege

Nidhi Kalra [online]

11 am to 12:00 pm Session 1.3: Trauma and Historiography (F106)

Chair: A Giridhar Rao

Railways and the (dis)-integration of SouthEast Asia in the aftermath of WWII

Eirini Anastasiadou

Suppressed Histories: DeCentreing the Empire and Colonial Historiography in Girish

Karnad's The Dreams of Tipu Sultan

Anita Abraham

Matter, Memory and Cognition: A Material Historiography of the 1947 Partition

Swatee Sinha

12:00 to 1:00 pm Parallel Session 2

Chair: Fatima Rizvi

My Fridge Asked My Toe To Apologize: Affect Density in Non-Human Entities in Eka Kurniawan's *Kitchen Curse Stories*

Angadbir Singh Kakkar

The Immaterial Body and Material Endurance of Trauma in Feroz Rather's *The Night of Broken Glass*

Deepanwita Dev

Museum Representation and Visitor Perception of Trauma: An Analysis of the Partition

Museums in Amritsar and Delhi

Suchandrima Das

Chair: Debashree Dattaray

Threads of Memory: Women's Textile Traditions as Cultural Resilience Post-Partition

Nithyasree Narayanan

Ideology As Antidote: Reconfiguration of Identity As A Healing Mechanism In Tahmima Anam's A Golden Age And The Good Muslim

Jayasree Mukherjee

Silent Echoes in the Time of Crisis: Understanding Trauma and Healing through COVID-19 Narratives

Neha Dagar

12:00 to 1:00 pm Session 2.3: Encounters with the Urban (F106)

Chair: Kunaljeet Roy

From Bhim Bhajan Mala to Dalit Rap: Remembering and Resisting Caste in the Hindi Public Sphere

Kuntal Tamang

Struggling in and for the city: Narratives of pandemic migration and trauma of displacement

Mohua Dutta

Still Louder than a Thousand Words? Trauma, Memory, New Media, and the Polo Grounds of Hyderabad

Nazia Akhtar [online]

1:00 to 2:00 pm: Lunch

2:00 to 3:15 pm Parallel Session 3

2:00 to 3:15 pm Session 3.1: Visualising Trauma (F101)

Chair: Lavanya Suresh

Partition Trauma: A Depiction through Visual Art

Shubhangi Shrinivas Rao

Memory and Trauma: Picture Books and Portraits of Tibetan Exile

Shweta Sharma

Unaddressed Postcards: Looking at Tarun Bhartiya's *Niam/Faith/Hynñiewtrep* as a Curation of Colonialism, Christianity, Faith, and the Khasi Hills of Meghalaya

Sweta Kumar Gaur

Musings of Jhelum: Examining the Role of Popular Culture, War, and Collective Trauma in Shaping Kashmir's Cultural Memory

Aimun Bilal

2:00 to 3:15 pm Session 3.2: Violence and Storytelling (F103)

Chair: Maya Vinai

Disenchanted Tales from the Old Home in Qissa: A Tale of a Lonely Ghost Sushmita Banerji

Memorializing Trauma: Reading Select Partition Memoirs & 'Memorials' Anjali Daimari

How to Kill a Writer: The Interplay between Art, Society, and Trauma in Salman Rushdie's Knife: Meditations after an Attempted Murder

Seetha Vijayakumar [online]

A Visual 'Storying' of the Partition of 1947

Sakshi Wason [online]

2:00 to 3:15 pm Session 3.3: Counternarratives: Trauma and Resistance (F106)

Chair: Bidisha Banerjee

On Reminding and Remaining: The Play of Dichotomies in Shehan Karunatilaka's *The Seven Moons of Maali Almeida*

Kavya Mitchi D.

Memory and Trauma: A Study of Counter-Narratives and Activism in Select Dalit Writings

Shibangi Dash

Intertextuality as Resistance: Unpacking Agha Shahid Ali's *The Country Without a Post Office* (1997)

Mutgeen Khan and Raafi Ul Islam

'An Odd Museum of Ideas': Representation of Resistance in *The White Tiger* Jaya Sarkar

3:15 to 3:30 pm Tea

3:30 to 5:15 pm Parallel Session 4

Chair: Spandan Bhattacharya

A Transgenerational Trauma and Resilience on the Indian Screen: A Study of Nationalism and Patriotism from Memory Studies Perspective

D. Sudha Rani

Documenting the Afterlife of Trauma

Sanjukta Naskar

The Story of a Film and a Subcontinent: *Jago Hua Savera* and its Memorialisation of Conflict and Resilience

Dhurjjati Sarma

Echoes of Silence: Cinematic Representation of Legal Trauma in Chaitanya Tamhane's *Court*

Kalplata

The Illusion of Healing: Romanticising Trauma and Emotional Bondage in *Rockstar* and *Aashiqui 2*

Mousumi Biswal [online]

3:30 to 5:15 pm Session 4.2: Inheriting Trauma (Library Hall)

Chair: Madhushree Chakrabarty

Experiences of 'Coolitude': Literary Recollections of Colonial Spectres

Khushi Atolia and Sarthak Dogra

Intergenerational Trauma and struggle for Agency in Independence

N Usha

Generational Trauma and the Split-Subject in Yashica Dutt's 'Coming Out as Dalit'

Diksha Beniwal

A Home Divided: Narrativizing Partition Trauma, Migration and Displacement in M. S. Sathyu's *Garam Hava*

Ayesha Irfan

3:30 to 5:15 pm Session 4.3: Memory and Post-memory (F106)

Chair: Senath Walter Perera

Feminist Poetics of Remembrance: Reading Gender and Postmemory in South Asian

Conflicts

Hibasamad A P

Narrating Public Trauma: A Study of Han Kang's Human Acts

Shobha M

Writing (about) Grief: Navigating Precarity in Selected Sri Lankan Writings

Meenu Chaudhary

Memory as Events of Unforgetting in Dayamoyeer Katha

Katha Bhattacherjee

Memory and the Post-Apocalyptic World: Encountering History as its Spectral 'Other'

Indrani Das Gupta [online]

5:15 to 5:50 pm Book Launch Session (F101) (PLENARY)

Chair: Swati Pal

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DAY 2: 21 Feb. 2025

9:00 to 10:00 am Parallel Session 1

9:00 to 10:00 am Session 5.1: Telling Trauma (G204A)

Chair: Krishnanunni Hari

From fable to Film: Rethinking Cultural Trauma and Violence in *Kothanodi* Maitrayee Sarma

When Mirrors are Windows: Understanding Oppari as Women's Verbal Art Divya Sharma

Women, Victimization, and Resilience: A Study of Select Indian Folktales Rajkumar Singh

9:00 to 10:00 am Session 5.2: Witnessing (F206)

Chair: Brati Biswas

"To See or Not to See": The Politics of Documenting and Witnessing Violence on Screen Haritha P

Creating a Witness: Negotiating Trauma through Cinema

Saba Mahmood Bashir

Bearing Witness: Articulating Incarceration of Death Row Prisoners in India Harishma Hari K

9:00 to 10:00 am Session 5.3: Caste in Trauma (Library Hall)

Chair: Madhavi Jha

The Role of Dalit Autobiography in Memorializing Caste-based Trauma and Fostering Dalit Consciousness: A Close Reading of Om Prakash Valmiki's *Joothan* - A Dalit's Life Amarjeet Nayak

Caste, Moustache, and Resilience through *Moustache: A Novel* Ved Prakash

A View from the Margins: Caste and/in Bengal Partition

Anandita Pan and Sreenath V S

10:00 to 11:00 am MMM Prize Session (G204A) (PLENARY)

Chair: Swati Pal & Shobha M

MMM Prize 2025 winner A. K. Muneer in conversation with Shobha M

11:00 to 11:15 am Tea

11:15 to 1:00 pm Parallel Session 2

11:15 to 1:00 pm Session 6.1: Language Politics and Pedagogy (G204A)

Chair: Ufaque Paiker

The Trauma of Linguistic Genocide: Language Policy and Practice in India A Giridhar Rao

Human Rights in the Realm of an Interplay between Inheritance and Learning of Languages in India

Mehar Fatima

Remembering and Forgetting: Bilingual Processing of the Trauma of Partition in Qurratulain Hyder's Self-Translation of *Aag Ka Darya* Mohd. Aqib

Bhakti Beyond Religion: Fostering Hope Through Translation and Performance Nitya Pawar

11:15 to 1:00 pm Session 6.2: Growing Up with Trauma 2 (F206)

Chair: Asmat Jahan

"Her listless eyes": Narrativising Developmental Trauma of the 'child-women' in Ismat Chughtai's select short stories

Kalyanee Rajan

Children in the Sri Lankan Civil War: Reading Trauma, Resilience and Agency through Cultural Representation

Anu Susan Abraham

Reclaiming the Quotidian Supernatural: Disability, Trauma, and Childhood in Lila Majumdar's Children's Fiction

Bidyabrata Majumdar

Writing Trauma and Role of Gender and Culture in Trafficking Narratives: A Comparative Study of Patricia McCormick's *Sold* and Corban Addison's *A Walk Across the Sun*

Sheetal Kumari

11:15 to 1:00 pm Session 6.3: Memorialising Trauma (Library Hall)

Chair: Dhurjjati Sarma

Feminine Sexuality, Trauma and Internalized Longing: Discovering Unspoken Dimensions in Pre-Colonial Indian Literary Discourse

Hemasoundari R

Navigating legacies of Colonialism, Displacement and Cultural Negotiation: A Study of Sikh Periodicals (1900-1920) and Framing of Modern Sikh identity

Guntasha Kaur Tulsi

Notes Towards Understanding Partition Trauma through Personal Memories: A Case of Lala Dhani Ram Bhalla

Girija Suri

1:00 to 2:00 pm Lunch

2:00 to 3:15 pm Parallel Session 3

Chair: Debajit Bora

Remembering Pain Through the Body: A Study of Heisnam Kanhailal's Theatre Adhyeta Mishra

Staging Partition: Memory, Trauma, and Healing in Asghar Wajahat's *Jis Lahore Nai Dekhya, O Jamyai Nai*

Aneesaa Choubey

Silent Scars: The Invisible Psychosocial battles in Dramatic Narratives Hitaishi Chauhan

Traumas that Don't Heal

Chitra Panikkar

2:00 to 3:15 pm Session 7.2: Traumatic Violations (F206)

Chair: Radhika Mohanram

Where is my Country? Abduction, Dislocation and Belonging in Razai Butt's Baano Asmat Jahan

The trauma of (Marital) rape: Writing as resistance and healing in Meena Kandasamy's When I Hit You

Pratusha Bhowmik

'En Route to Bangladesh': Traumatic Memory and Violence in the Conflicting Narratives of 'Birangonas' in Tarfia Faizullah's *Seam*

Srijeeta Adhikary

The Un-talked Trauma: The Legal, Social, and Cultural Trauma of Marital Rape and its Resistance

Pritha Sarkar

2:00 to 3:15 pm Session 7.3: Consuming Trauma (Library Hall)

Chair: Debashree Dattaray

Postpartum Food and Food Practises in Mappila Muslim Culture: The Formation of a Knowledge System from a Women's Space

Aysha Femin N K and Khadeeja Ramziya

Food, Ritual, and Power: Domesticity and the Dynamics of Resistance in Marginalised Spaces

Rituparna Mondal

Culinary Memory as Resistance: Interplay of trauma and resilience through Gastronomic Identity in Esther David's *The Book of Rachel*

Tanya Sharma

Echoes of the past: Sensory Experiences of Trauma and Resilience in *The God of Small Things* and *Burnt Shadows*

Lekshmi B

3:15 to 3:30 pm Tea

3:30 to 5:15 pm Parallel Session 4

3:30 to 5:15 pm Session 8.1: Displacement and Trauma (G204A)

Chair: Ayesha Irfan

Migration, Trauma and Women in Khadija Mastur's Partition Novel *Āngan* Piyush Raval

Narration of Trauma, Terror and Memory in Sarojkumar Roychoudhury's "Neel Agun" and Hassan Azizul Haq's "Agun Pakhi"

Sayak Moitra

"Bade Bade Deshon Mein Aisi Choti Choti Baatein Hoti Rehti Hai" – Exploring Inter-Generational Anxieties and Apprehensions of the Indian Diaspora in *Dilwale Dulhaniya Le Jayenge*

Daisy Ramchiary

Enduring Statelessness: Rohingya Poetry and the Journey from Repression to Resistance

Anamika Sukul [online]

Decolonizing Through Design: Diasporic Fashion as a Bridge Between Western Forms and Indian Identity

Gurpreet Kaur [online]

3:30 to 5:15 pm Session 8.2: Engendering Trauma (F206)

Chair: Senath Walter Perera

Fragmented Flesh: Manto's Women and the Grievous Survival in Partition's Shadows Suneeta Chura

Fexile: Mapping Portrayals of Women in Exile

Kathryn Hummel

"All wars are essentially wars against women": Trauma, Violence and the Female Body in TD Ramakrishnan's *Sugandhi Alias Andal Devanayaki*

Lakshmi Menon

Unpacking Gendered Trauma in Jean Sasson's For the Love of a Son Sindhu J

Loneliness, Trauma and Old Age: A Study of Pankaj Kapoor's *Dopehri* Sauray Kumar

3:30 to 5:15 pm Session 8.3: Ecologies of Trauma (Library Hall)

Chair: N. Usha

Tracing the Trajectory of Trauma Recovery: Artistic Responses in the Aftermath of Kerala's Ecological Disasters

Anne Joseph

Changing environments, altering livelihoods: Re-imagining 'collective memory' and 'cultural ecology' through selected novels

Sayan Mazumder

Trauma in the Wake of Ecological Crises: Memory and Representation in Uttarakhand's Environmental Disaster(s)

Shivangi Nautiyal

Available to be Wasted: Toxic Topographies, Eco-trauma, and Ecoprecarity in Ambikasutan Mangad's *Swarga*

Paromita Patranobish

From Trauma to Resilience: Militant Pessimism in Healing Environmental Crises in Select Anglophone Indian Dystopias Argha Basu

5:30 to 6:00 pm Poetry Reading Session (G204A) (PLENARY)

Chair: Kalyanee Rajan

6:00 to 7:30 Cultural event

7:30 to 9:00 Dinner

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Day 3, 22 Feb. 2025

9:00 to 10:00 am Parallel Session 1

9:00 to 10:00 am Session 9.1: Conflict and Trauma (F101)

Chair: Chitra Panikkar

War Trauma and Secondary Trauma in the novels of Anuk Arudpragasam Sowmya A

Exploring Trauma in the Complex Interplay of Colonialism, Race, and War in Mulk Raj Anand's *Across the Black Waters*

Ravi Kant [online]

Exploring the Intersection of Trauma and Testimony in Nadia Murad's *Memoir: A Brief Study*

Shivangi [online]

9:00 to 10:00 am Session 9.2: Illustrating Trauma 1 (G204A)

Chair: Amitendu Bhattacharya

Vanni: Graphic Narratives and Memorialisation of Trauma

Manish Solanki

Reimagining Partition through Graphic Narratives in *This Side, That Side*: Restorying Partition

Barnali Saha

Engaging with Traumata: Reading the Fluid Texts and Images of Sharanya Manivannan Ambika M S

9:00 to 10:00 am Session 9.3: Emplacing Trauma 1 (F206)

Chair: Aruna Lolla

The Religious and the Mythical in processing Collective Trauma: An Enquiry into Shehan Karunatilaka's *Chats with the Dead*

Swathimuthu K B

Traumatic Imagination as a Site of Healing and Counter-Memory in Shehan Karunatilaka's *The Seven Moons of Maali Almeida*

Vagesh Nandini

Caught between Assimilation and Alienation: Mahasweta Devi's "Imaginary Maps" as the Fragmented Map of Belonging

Arijita Pradhan [online]

10:00 to 11:00 am Session 10.1: Digitality and Trauma (F206)

Chair: Suchismita Satpathy

Reclamation of Self-Identity in Digital Space: Narratives of the 'Other' from the Denotified Nomadic Tribes of India

Prathama Sarkar

Rebel Rebel: the Paradox of Mehta's Unintentional Terrorism in Hari Kunzru's *Transmission*

Pier Paolo Piciucco

Archives to Algorithms: The Evolution of Partition Trauma and Memory in the Digital Age Moumita Roy [online]

10:00 to 11:00 am Session 10.2: Illustrating Trauma 2 (G204A)

Chair: Nibedita Mukherjee

Graphic Trauma of the Sacrificed: A Reassessment of the Ecological Others as Scapegoats of Violence in Sarnath Banerjee's Graphic Novel *All Quiet in Vikaspuri* (2015)

Arkajit Das

Frames of Resilience: Narratives of Violence and Traumatic Memory in *Munnu* and *Kashmir Pending*

Tiasa Bal

Political Trauma of 'powerpolis' : Reading The Graphic (Re)-Imagination Of Emergency In Vishwajyoti Ghosh's *Delhi Calm*

Sukriti Bhukkal [online]

10:00 to 11:00 am Session 10.3: Emplacing Trauma 2 (F206)

Chair: Madhavi Jha

Dialectics of Indigeneity: fluidity, contestations and gender in the context of northeast India

Himalee Deka

Tea Garden labourers of Assam and Historical Erasure of their Trauma: A Feminist overview of Arupa Patangia Kalita's *Josnar Jhitas*

Violina Borah

Indira Goswami's *The Moth Eaten Howdah of the Tusker* and the Assertion of Identity of the Northeastern Women

Anavisha Banerjee [online]

11:00 to 11:15 am Tea

11:15 to 1:30 pm CDN Prize Contest Session (PLENARY) (F101)

Chair: Fatima Rizvi and Kalyanee Rajan

Mapping Trauma through Social Lenses: Resilience, Resistance and Healing in Bangla Urban 'New' Songs

Hriya Banerjee

Carrying the Weight: Caste and Trauma in Atarjit's "Gilli Pand Da Bojh" Pooja Duggal

Navigating Life and Loss on the River Ganga: Analysing Bhatiyali Songs as Econarratives of the Fishing Community of West Bengal

Pritha Chakraborty

Resilience and Neuroplasticity in the Face of Trauma: Coping Mechanisms in *Future Tense: A Novel* and *The Collaborator*Roshima Uday

Transfiguration as a Coping Mechanism in Negotiating with Insidious Trauma Sania Wahid

1:30 to 2:15 pm Lunch

2:15 to 2:30 pm CDN Prize 2025 Distribution (F101) (PLENARY)
Chair: M. Asaduddin, Fatima Rizvi, Kalyanee Rajan

2:30 to 3:30 pm Parallel Session 3

2:30 to 3:30 pm Session 11.1: Embodiment and Trauma (F101)
Chair: Shilpaa Anand

Illness as a Traumatic Experience: Reading Sangeetha Srinivasan's "Acid" Shivam Kundu

Temporal Disruptions in Trauma and Disability in One Little Finger: A Theoretical Engagement with Robert McRuer's *Crip Times*Manisha

Disability, and Caste Intersectionality: Navigating Trauma, Resilience and Healing in Satish Chander's 'Thappu'

Brati Biswas

Chair: Sindhu J

Understanding Social Conflict: Locating the family in Jhumpa Lahiri's 'The Lowland' Chandrima Karmakar

The Pressure of the Real: A Study of Two South Asian Trauma Memoirs Somya Charan Pahadi

Honour as Trauma: Affective Action in Shivmurti's *Tiriyacharittar* (1987) Sanyogita Singh *[online]*

2:30 to 3:30 pm Session 11.3: Trauma and the Novel form (F206)

Chair: Anjali Daimari

Bharati Mukherjee's Novels: A Journey towards Essence of Selfhood and Ethnic Identity for Womanhood

Mohammad Sabir

The Shangri-la Urge: Interwoven Depictions of Loss, Refugeedom, Resilience and Mysticism in Contemporary Tibetan Novels

Priyanka D'Rozario

The Multifarious Strategies of Narrating Trauma in *The Kite Runner* Abhinaba Chatterjee

3:30 to 3:45 pm Tea

3:45 to 4:45 pm Parallel Session 4

3:45 to 4:45 pm Session 12.1: Faith and Resilience (F101)

Chair: Kalyanee Rajan

Cartographies of Trauma: Mapping Silences, Resilience, and Hope in Rajathi Salma's *The Hour Past Midnight*

Fatima Zaheer

Pits To Pedestals : Behind the Walls of Worship—Understanding Kappiri Muthappan Gowri Murali

The Woman who Sing of Pain: Rethinking Trauma in the Goddess Myths of the Ajodhya Hills

Nibedita Mukherjee

3:45 to 4:45 pm Session 12.2: Mediations of Trauma (G204A)

Chair: Sanjukta Naskar

"Bondage of Me to Me for Me": Body, Violence and Trauma in Tinna Hongngam's 'A Girl of November - A Multimedia Art Exhibit'
Shivangi Rani

Performing 'Reclamations': Resurgence of the 'Roots' in Kanhailal's Theatre Subhayu Chatterjee

The Turn to the Fantastical: Qissa, A Tale of a Lonely Ghost as a Partition Film Paulomi Chakraborty

3:45 to 4:45 pm Session 12.3: Acts of Silence (F206)

Chair: Shobha M

Between Domestic Distress and Collective Conflict: Trauma in Daisy Hasan's *The To-Let House*

Medha Devi

Silhouettes of Silence: Understanding silence as a metaphor for micro-revolution in Arundhati Roy's *The God of Small Things*

Aishiki Bandyopadhyay

Voice of the Silence: A Psychoanalytic Reading of Trauma in Shashi Deshpande's *That Long Silence*

Shefali Kohli [online]

4:45 to 5:30 pm Valedictory Session (F101) (PLENARY)

Valedictory Address: Kalpana Kannabiran

Title: "Justice and the Constitution-as-Commons: Jurisliteratures, Courtly Theatres and Literary Convivialities"

Chair: T. Vijay Kumar

Vote of Thanks: Fatima Rizvi, Secretary, IACLALS Vote of Thanks: BITS Pilani Hyderabad Campus

5:50 to 6.10 pm Annual General Meeting of IACLALS (F101) (PLENARY)

7:00 to 9:00 pm Dinner

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