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Dear Colleagues,
Greetings from Gandhigram.

We are delighted to invite you to the two-day National Seminar on “**De- and Reterritorialisation: Contemporary Short Stories in English**” scheduled for December 21 and 22, 2015 at our University.

About the University

Gandhigram was born in 1947. A team of dedicated disciples and contemporaries of Gandhiji, Dr.T.S.Soundram and Dr.G.Ramachandran, developed Gandhigram, the home of many rural development programmes. The Gandhigram Rural Institute (GRI) was founded in 1956. Starting in a small way, the Institute was conferred the status of a Deemed University in 1976. Today the University is a big educational complex comprising seven faculties, offering in all about fifty different programmes, awarding Doctoral, Master's and Bachelor's Degrees and also Diplomas and Certificates through its seven academic faculties. The Institute was re-accredited with 'A' Grade by NAAC in 2010.

Gandhigram is situated on the Madurai-Dindigul National Highway-7. It is well connected by rail and road (12 km from Dindigul and 47 km from Madurai). The nearest railway station is Ambathurai (2 km from the campus) and the nearest railway junction is Dindigul. The nearest airport is Madurai (66 km).

Faculty of English and Foreign languages

The Faculty of English and Foreign Languages offers a Master's Programme in English and Communicative Studies, a full-time MPhil programme in English and full-time and part-time PhD programmes in English. Apart from these programmes, a Certificate Course in French is being conducted by the Faculty. With the launch of CBCS System, it also offers Soft Skills Course for Non-Major English students. It has been a pioneer in introducing innovative programmes especially in the field of Communicative and Cultural Studies. It has so far produced 48 PhDs and more than 150 MPhils. There are 7 Full Time Phd scholars working on various fields of their interest. The members of the Faculty serve on various Boards of Studies and other bodies of higher learning in different universities throughout the country. The Faculty brings out a peer-reviewed bi-annual journal *Gandhigram Literary Review* (ISSN: 2278-8190).

About the Seminar

The genre “short story” is a less probed one when compared to the other genres of literature like novel, drama and poetry. Both well known and recant popular creative writers make use of this genre to reach their audience in a lesser time but they too make great impact when they narrate global issues like border and territory. Beyond their nations, the writers place themselves or their characters and deal with the issues of “shifting” and “challenges”. The seminar theme “Deterritorialisation” is best interpreted, as Virilio remarks, as a question; it evokes the challenges posed to the status of territory and, by extension, our territorially embedded understandings of geography, governance and geopolitics, states, places and the social sciences, by planetary communication networks and globalizing tendencies. But it is deceptive when it becomes an answer polemically naming this challenge as a clear disappearance of territoriality. The problematic of deterritorialisation is therefore also the problematic of reterritorialisation; it is not the presence or absence of state territoriality but its changing status, power and meaning in relation to postmodern technological constellations, speed machines and global webs of capitalism.

While the high-flying, modern, and outspoken young writers made significant strides in the new millennium, the older generation continued to make their presence felt. Wole Soyinka, Nadine Gordimer, J.M.Coetzee, Salman Rushdie, VS.Naipaul, Vikram Seth, Rohinton Mistry, and Amitav Ghosh are names that won't go away with the turn of the century.

The UGC-sponsored National Seminar on “**De-and Reterritorialisation: Contemporary Short Stories in English**” will focus on the issues and directions of short stories. For the sake of a time-marker, the seminar would focus on short stories from postcolonial and other literatures, published since 1990. The seminar would feature lead lectures, plenary sessions, and paper presentations. It would focus on the works of contemporary short story writers. Short stories from regions cover works from England and its colonies across the globe: Ireland, Canada, the Caribbean, India, Pakistan, Africa, Australia, and New Zealand. The following list is indicative and not exhaustive.

Aravind Adiga	Manu Joseph	Upamanyu Chatterjee
Amit Chaudhuri	Jhumpa Lahiri	Wole Soyinka
Kiran Desai	Rohinton Mistry	Nadine Gordimer
Amitav Ghosh	Ashwin Sanghi	J.M.Coetzee
Tabhish Khair	Shoba De	Chinua Achebe
Anita Nair	Manju Kapur	Shaila Abdullah
Salman Rushdie	V.S.Naipaul	Umera Ahmad
Jeet Thayil	Vikram Seth	Sadia Qureshi
Chitra Divakaruni	Arundhati Roy	

Participants who wish to present papers at the seminar are requested to send in their abstracts (300 words) to **ss2015gri@gmail.com**. Selection will be made by a peer review team. Participants whose abstracts have been selected will have to send their registration forms and full papers. All participants are requested to adhere to the timeline strictly.

This seminar is open only to faculty members, Mphil and PhD research scholars.

Registration

The Registration fee is Rs.900/- (Rupees nine hundred only) for faculty members and Rs.600/- (Rupees six hundred only) for non-teachers (PhD and MPhil scholars). Please send a DD in favour of the **Registrar, Gandhigram Rural Institute**, payable at either Gandhigram (Canara Bank) or Ambathurai (State Bank of India) on or before 10th December 2015. Please note that DDs taken on other banks will not be accepted. Due to paucity of funds, we are unable to provide you TA and DA. All seminar participants/paper presenters will be provided with a Seminar Kit and local hospitality. Accommodation may be arranged at Dindigul on request, provided the participants bear the cost. **For accommodation, please contact : Prof.S.Arunkumar - 09688441544**

Important Dates

Last date for sending in your Abstracts : 20th November 2015
Confirmation of acceptance of Abstracts: 24th November 2015
Last date for Registering : 15th December 2015
Last date for sending in your full paper : 5th December 2015

Please note: There is no spot registration.

Please send a hard copy (Times New Roman-12 pt-double space) as well as a soft copy (as an e-mail attachment to **ss2015gri@gmail.com**) of your Abstract (300 words) and your paper (3000 words with complete references) conforming to the 7th edition of the MLA Handbook. Selected papers will be published in future issues of *Gandhigram Literary Review*. An anthology of select articles is also planned.