



School of Humanities and Languages
Mizoram University : Aizawl

A THREE-DAY INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR ON ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE: REPRESENTATIONS IN CULTURE, LITERATURE AND PHILOSOPHY



**26-28 FEBRUARY
2024**

We welcome high-quality unpublished research papers for presentation at the upcoming International Seminar, scheduled for February 26-28, 2024. This seminar is designed to take place primarily in an offline format, with the option of a virtual mode for a limited number of participants. Prospective presenters are invited to Mizoram University in Aizawl and are encouraged to specify their preferred mode of presentation.

Concept Note

The School of Humanities and Languages at Mizoram University is proposing an International Seminar with the aim of engaging in academic discussions regarding the environmental challenges currently affecting humanity and the planet Earth on a large scale. We will focus on critical studies and issues that emphasize the value of ecological relationships, spanning multiple disciplines, including culture, literature, and philosophy.

The concept note for this proposed seminar aims to examine the state of environmental justice and reevaluate the ecological awareness that humanities subjects have inspired in a world facing critical environmental issues.

It is essential to highlight that the natural world, which encompasses human and animal life, is under serious threat from various sources. Relentless human exploitation of nature, uncontrolled mechanization encroaching upon green areas, unchecked pollution, environmental contamination, and climate change are some glaring examples that have left our world in devastation, disease, and decay. Planet Earth appears to be on the brink of ecological collapse.

Cultural, philosophical, literary, and scientific studies, both in the past and present, indicate a lack of genuine concern for environmental values or the adoption of half-hearted measures for an ecologically sustainable world. While humanities subjects emphasize ecological responsibilities, the fields of science and technology often align with state politics and electoral pressures, perpetuating humanist progress paradigms worldwide. The competitive pursuit of political and economic power has failed to eliminate the inclination toward war and the stockpiling of armaments. Poverty, illiteracy, hunger, and disease persist despite graphs of civilized progress. Our unbridled pursuit of 'growth' has imposed technology on nature that is far from eco-friendly. In the face of real and potential threats to living organisms and life systems on our planet, most environmentally conscious thinkers, NGOs, and institutions strongly condemn our disregard and apathy toward environmental justice.

We acknowledge the urgent need to better preserve the Earth, our shared home. Therefore, we extend an invitation to scholars, researchers, and experts from India and abroad to participate in the proposed International Seminar with the main theme of "Environmental Justice: Representations in Culture, Literature, and Philosophy."

Depending on the availability of funds, the seminar also plans to publish selected research papers as part of a seminar volume to contribute to the academic field of knowledge. All Heads of Departments (HODs) from the Departments of English and Culture Studies, Mizo, Hindi, and Philosophy, for this multidisciplinary International seminar, are encouraged to actively participate as members of the Steering Committee.

Transport & Travel:

Aizawl enjoys good connectivity through domestic flights and nighttime super bus or Tata Sumo services from Guwahati, Assam, and Shillong, Meghalaya. Unfortunately, there are no train services available to Aizawl. Participants are responsible for making their own accommodations in the city of Aizawl or at the MZU Campus. Nonetheless, the Steering Committee is willing to make arrangements for their stay, at the participant's expense, upon specific request, provided the request is made well in advance.

Deadline for ABSTRACTs to reach here:

15th February 2024

Presentation in Hindi / Mizo languages will be allowed.

Seminar will be organised in Blended Mode. An Abstract may have 200/250 words.

Participants are kindly requested to submit their unpublished research papers and accommodation requirements to one of the following coordinators. Submissions should be neatly written in Times New Roman font or provided as a Word file in size 12, adhering to the latest style guidelines like MLA or APA. They are also requested to fill out the form as provided in the Proforma.

Name of paper and presenter	University/Institution to which affiliated	Title of the paper/abstract	Accommodation required or not	Date of arrival/departure	Contact details Email or WhatsApp no.

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REGISTRATION FEES :

Faculty & Professionals	₹ 2,000/-
Research Scholar	₹ 1,000/-
Student	₹ 500/-

Sub-themes (not exclusive of similar areas)

- Environmental Value and Academic Disciplines
- Civilizational Progress and Ecological Sustainability
- Human Rights and Animal Rights
- Ecological Justice and Religious Beliefs
- Environment and Literature
- Culture and Environment from global to local
- Ecocriticism and Animal Tales
- Belief, Narrative and the Environment
- Ecocriticism in Mizo Poetry / Mizo Fiction
- Mizo Fiction as Preserver of Mizo Culture
- Environmental Justice and Humanism in Mizo poetry
- Hindi Sahitya Mein Paryavaran Evam Prakriti (Hindi)
- Poorvottar ke Hindi sahitya mein Prakriti Evam paryavaran (Hindi)
- Hindi Lok Sahitya mein Paryavaran (Hindi)
- Poorvotar ke Lok Sahitya mein Paryavaran (Hindi)
- Folk Media, Tribal culture and Economy
- Cultural Re-appropriation and Emerging Tribalism
- Human Rights and Environmental consciousness
- Metanarratives, Social and Ecological Values
- Philosophy and Environmental Value