



**DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH
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To
The Head
Department of English

Sir/Madam,

Sub: Call for Papers – National Seminar

We are happy to inform you that a two-day National seminar on “Cultural Studies: Sites of Resistance” is being organised at Mar Thoma College, Tiruvalla, Pathanamthitta on 23rd and 24th of September, 2010.

Emphasis will be laid on examining the different ways in which ‘culture’ is carefully constructed and how its force always posits the universal and the personal in the process. The seminar focuses on the altered status of formulations regarding the nature of culture as an investment, made by a select few to regulate the conduct and values of entire societies. This will involve the discernment and evaluation of a wide variety of objects that fall within its domain, such as architecture, philosophy, theology, history, painting, music, theatre, literature, institutions, customs and manners, to name only a few.

Issues as diverse as history, gender and sexuality, nationhood and national identity, colonialism and postcolonialism, race and ethnicity, films and television, politics of aesthetics and identity politics will also be discussed. The highly energetic, polysemic, multi-disciplinary field of cultural studies takes into account the global, multi-media, multi-classed, multi-caste and multi-cultural societies we inhabit.

The last date for the reception of abstracts is 30th of August, 2010 and that of completed papers (as per MLA format) is 10th September, 2010.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

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