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ST. PAUL'S COLLEGE

St. Paul's College in Kalamassery , on the outskirts of the city of Kochi, Kerala, functions under the management of the Archdiocese of Verapoly, and is affiliated to Mahatma Gandhi University. Upholding its motto, "Life Nobly Lived," the College commits itself to impart excellence in higher education, so that all, especially those from less privileged communities, become part of a value based and holistic learning process.

OSLE-INDIA

Organisation for Studies in Literature and Environment-India (OSLE-India) is a forum for promoting ecocriticism, especially in India and in other Asian countries. Today "ecocriticism" has come to mean not only "the application of ecology and ecological principles to the study of literature," but also the theoretical approach to the web of natural, cultural and supernatural phenomena. OSLE-India has published a volume titled *Essays in Ecocriticism*, several issues of its newsletter and is running a journal titled, *Indian Journal of Ecocriticism*. For more details, log on to <www.osle-india.org>.

SCHOOL OF ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES, CUSAT

The School of Environmental Studies, a Centre for higher learning dedicated to environmental protection and sustainable development was established in 1983 to serve the cause of well-being of the society by imparting knowledge and by providing trained manpower and appropriate environmental technology.

CONFERENCE THEME

The contemplation of landscape has always been the source of artistic inspiration. Today, however, the concern for human survival on the planet has made landscape a topic of socio-cultural-political debate. The theme of this seminar focuses on the role of landscape representation and perception in literature, art and other disciplines. The seminar will attempt to illustrate how literary, artistic and philosophical language can represent the close link between the human and the non-human, to provide a platform for academic interaction between scholars of literature and other relevant disciplines under the theme of ecology and to examine how scholars and students of literature and language can contribute to tracing relationships between literature and the environment.

The following sub-themes are identified for critical exploration. Scholars are also encouraged to explore any other related topic.

Literary Ecology

Social Ecology

Ecofeminism

Ecomedia

Ecotheology

Ecosophy

Ecopsychology

Folklore & Folk Music

Ecological Economics

Green Politics

Ecotechnology

Cultural Geography

Call for Papers:

Abstracts not exceeding **300 words** have to be submitted before the **20th of July**. The contributors will be informed of acceptance by the **30th of July**. Full papers, not exceeding **eight pages** in MLA format have to be submitted by the **31st of August** to zednem2005@yahoo.com

Delegate Fee: Rs.250/-

Venue: Seminar Hall, St. Paul's College, Kalamassery, Kerala State

Kalamassery in Kochi, Kerala, is about 10 km from Ernakulam Junction Railway Station /about 7 km from Aluva Railway Station, and is well connected by road. Delegate fee will include lunch and tea on the days of the seminar. Those who wish to have accommodation can contact the organizers before the 15th of August . For further information, contact Dr. Reena J. Andrews at reenajandrews@gmail.com Ph: 98473 55730