TWO DAY NATIONAL SEMINAR ON
down to
Earth
Ecological Orientations in Literature and Arts
20, 21 FEB 2014

organised by
Department of English and Languages
Amrita School of Arts and Sciences, Kochi
About the ORGANISER

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The Department of English offers an Integrated M.A. degree in English Language and Literature with specializations in contemporary areas like culture studies, linguistics, English Language Teaching, Black Literature, Translation Studies and Postcolonial literature. The programme is designed to serve students who, for professional reasons, seek to continue their studies for eventual admission to a doctoral programme or to meet specific career objectives in the private, governmental, or academic sectors. The Department is endowed with learned and experienced faculty members and has extremely good infrastructure. Through uncompromising quality, our University has been accredited with the highest grade ‘A’ by NAAC, and has been ranked in the IVY LEAGUE of Indian Universities.

About the SEMINAR

The two-day seminar proposes to explore the ways in which the relationship between humans and the environment is imagined and imaged in different discourses of cultural production. It is designed as a trans-disciplinary exploration, inspired by contemporary critical practices that attempt to bring crucial social issues within the field of a dynamic and heterogeneous literary criticism.

Some of the topics that may come up for discussion are:

- Ecology and Literature
- Ecofeminism
- Ecolinguistics
- Ecology and Arts
- Film and Ecology

Research papers on the above themes are solicited from students, research scholars and faculty members. We request you to forward an abstract of your paper on or before 3rd February 2014, to rajeshmanayil12@gmail.com or anisreena@gmail.com, and the full paper on or before 15th February 2014.

Last date for submission of abstract : 3rd February 2014
Last date for submission of papers : 15th February 2014
Last date for registration : 18th February 2014
Date of the seminar : 20th and 21st February 2014
## Programme SCHEDULE

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## Registration GUIDELINES

Last date for registration (Online / Otherwise) : 18th February 2014  
(For online registration Log on to: www.amrita.edu/asas/kochi/down2earth.html)

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