

Fragile Worlds, Shared Stories: Ecology, Literature, and Teaching in Times of Change



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Conference Programme

September 16, 2026

Aula Moscati, Second Floor, B Building

2:30 p.m.

Introductory Remarks. Teaching Ecological Content in the Classroom: The EcoLingua Project

Prof. Elisabetta Marino (Prof. of English Literature, Tor Vergata University of Rome, Head of "Asia and the West" Research Center, Unit Coordinator of EcoLingua Project)

2:45 p.m.

Key-note Address

The Nature of Tagorean Utopia: Santiniketan, Ecology and Sustainable Development

Prof. Manojit Mandal (Department of English & Centre of Advanced Study, Jadavpur University, Kolkata, West Bengal, India)

3:30 p.m.

Plenary Speaker

Ecosystemic Justice in Ancestral Homelands: What Stories Can Do that Data Cannot

Prof. Prasenjit Biswas (Professor and Head, Dept. of Philosophy and In-Charge, Office of International Affairs, North-Eastern Hill University (NEHU), Shillong, India)

4:15 p.m.

Invited Speakers:

Sacred Sanctuaries and Capitalist Encroachment: Comparative Environmental Ethics and Non-Human Agency in Select South Asian and Mediterranean Literary Traditions

Dr. Madhumita Majumdar (Associate Professor in the Department of English at Diamond Harbour Women's University, West Bengal, India)

The University After Neoliberalism: Ecology, Post-Truth, and the Crisis of university discourse

Dr. Rajarshi Roy (Assistant Professor, Department of English, Vivekananda Satavarshiki Mahavidyalaya, Jhargram, West Bengal, India)

Witnessing the Subaltern Ecology: Fragile Worlds, Slow Violence, and the Ethics of Reading

Dr. Mansi Bose (Assistant Professor, Faculty of Humanities and Liberal Arts Chandigarh University, Uttar Pradesh, India & Ms. Saumya Tripathi, Junior Research Scholar, Faculty of Humanities and Liberal Arts, Chandigarh University, Uttar Pradesh, India)

Sensing Beyond the Sightline: Crippling Anthropocentrism and Ocularcentric Pedagogy in the English Classroom

Dr. Ishan Chakraborty (Assistant Professor, Department of English, Jadavpur University, Kolkata, West Bengal, India)

Microsoft Teams meeting

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"Asia and the West" Research Center (B Building)

Roundtable: Green Tagore: Road Ahead for the Fragile World

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