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on

The Global Indian Diasporas: Literary, Cultural and Socio-Economic Perspectives in the 21st Century

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Concept Note:

Culture, Identity, language, and literature are 'social homes' wherein we want to reside and if we are forced to migrate voluntarily or involuntarily, we often want to create these social homes away from home. The desire for a social home constantly keeps us engaged in inclined towards the homes that are left behind and compels us to create these homes away from homes. This interesting desire caused by crossing different socio-cultural settings, be it national or international, leads to the formation of immigrant minorities or diaspora/diaspora minorities in the host societies. Earlier it was difficult for international migrants to be connected with their physical homes, abstract homes, and also homeland. Over time, the advancements in Information and Communication Technology (ICT), globalization, and compressed time and space at the dawn of the 21st century facilitated the national and transnational mobility of migrants. Their movements were not just to re/connect and re/united with their homes(homeland) but also to re-create the same.

There is significant visibility of migrants and diaspora minorities across the national and transnational places today because of the gradual increase in both national and international migrants. There are around 281 million international migrants according to the UN DESA (2020) i.e., 3.5 - 4 % of the total world population. In the context of the growing socio-cultural, and political significance of international migrants in the form of remittances (\$89 billion in remittances came to India in 2022 - World bank 2022] and soft power, the diaspora

discourse has started gaining the attention of economists, politicians, policymakers, and scholars across the interdisciplinary boundaries of Humanities and Social Sciences.

India is one of the major sources of the global labour regime along with China. It has produced huge international outmigration since colonial times. The old colonial unskilled migration and postcolonial skilled migration constituted the formulation of the Indian diaspora community globally. There are 32 million Indians in the diaspora (MEA 2021) constituting one of the largest diasporas in the world (UN and MEA). As the Indian diaspora is a microcosm of Indian society which is culturally, linguistically, religiously, and ethnically diverse, the present conference also aims to explore the experiences, narratives, and the way of representations, patterns of assimilation, hybridization, and acculturation of various Indian linguistic communities in Diaspora. Also, we attempt to understand the diasporic sensibilities through literary and cultural productions like literature, music, arts, films, folk traditions, and so on.

The colonial and post-colonial Indian diaspora was often studied through an international perspective – often through their experiences in the host land. For example, the Indian diaspora in the Caribbean, Indian Diaspora in the USA/Canada/Europe/Africa/ Australia, etc., but the regional languages, linguistic associations, engagements, preservations of their culture, customs, food, and dress habits that constitute the mosaic of Indian Diasporas are less discussed. This present series of conferences particularly looks at Indian Diaspora from a regional perspective. It intends to explore the idea of India's regional diasporas and their post-migratory transnational experiences, contributions, development, loss, struggle, and adjustment to new socio-cultural settings. It also explores how they preserve their regional cultures, languages, literature, traditions, folk songs, arts, food, dress, etc. The conference engages various questions including how people from different regions of India cross-national and international borders, how they preserve, and nurture their regional languages and cultures, how they contribute to the development of their region, and how regional languages, literature, and culture prosper in the transnational space etc. These parallel conferences also look at the socio-cultural, economic, and political importance of India's regional diasporas for both homelands (regional development) and host lands amidst the growing restrictions on international migrants due to the rise of nativism, right-wing nationalism, security concerns, racial/restrictive citizenship and immigrant policies, bio-warfare, and most recent Covid-19 pandemic.

<i>GID Sub-conference</i> (Conference CODE)	Sub-Themes	
GIDSC 01: Punjabi Diaspora in the 21st Century	 History and patterns of _(Regional diaspora name) migration Regional/LinguisticCultures in Diaspora Regional/LinguisticIdentities in Diaspora 	
GIDSC 02: Gujarati Diaspora in the 21st Century	 Regional Language and literatures in Diaspora Regional/Linguistic migrant narratives within India (a Comparative perspective) Film and other visual representations Economy/remittances, Philanthropy, Development, and Regional/Linguistic Diaspora International relation and Politics in the context of (Indian State Name) States and 	
GIDSC 03: Hindi and Bhojpuri Diaspora in the 21st Century		
GIDSC 04: Urdu Diaspora in the 21st Century		
GIDSC 05: Bengali Diaspora in 21st Century	Regional/Linguistic in Diaspora Regional Linguistic/Cultural/student/political	
GIDSC 06: Odia Diaspora in the 21st Century	associations/Sangam/Samaj Minorities, Dalits, and Religions in	
GIDSC 07: Malayali Diaspora in the 21st Century	 Minorities, Datus, and Religions in Regional/Linguistic Diaspora Gerontology and Women in the regional diaspora 	

The present conferences aim to explore the following focused sub-themes which are called 'sub-conference' here:

GIDSC 08:Tamil Diaspora in the 21st Century GIDSC 09: Kashmiri Diaspora in the 21st	 Students' migration Regional/Linguistic Diaspora and Business, Trade, and Entrepreneurship
Century	 Regional/Linguistic Digital Diasporas Regional/Linguistic Migrants/ Diaspora and Covid - 19
GIDSC 10:Marathi Diaspora in the 21st Century	 Any other related theme
GIDSC 11A: Telugu Diaspora in the 21 st Century	
GIDSC 11B: Kannada Diaspora in the 21 st Century	
GIDSC 12 A: Minorities and India Diaspora in the 21st Century	 Diaspora as Minority in Host countries /Transnational Space
	 Racism/Nationalism
	 Minority Culture
	 Gender Minorities in Diaspora
	Religious Minorities in Diaspora
	 Linguistic minorities in Diaspora
	Any other related theme
	✤ Caste in Diaspora
	 Dalit Experiences of national and international
GIDSC 12 B: Dalits and India Diaspora in	border crossing
the 21st Century	 Dalit Experiences in transnational space
	 Ambedkar and other social reformers in Diaspora
	 Migration and Diaspora and development of Dalits
	 Any other related theme
	 Linguistic/Cultural associations/Sangam/samaj in Diamora
	Diaspora Indian Languages in Diaspora
GIDSC 13: Indian Languages	 Indian Languages in Diaspora Linguistic identities in Indian Diaspora
Translating/ion in Diaspora	 Literature of Indian Diaspora in Translation
	 Translation of Culture and Diasport spaces
	 Any other related theme
GIDSC 14: Indian Cultures and Religions in	 Indian cultures in Diaspora
Diaspora	 Indian Music and Dance in the diaspora
	Indian Religions in the diaspora
	 Indian cuisine in the diaspora
	 Dress, fashion, and festivals in the diaspora
	India Food in Diaspora Any other related theme
	✤ Remittances
	Philanthropy
GIDSC 15: Remittances, Economy, and	 Development
Indian Diaspora	Sustainable Development Goals and Indian
	Diaspora
	 Diaspora and Economy Any other related theme
	 Any other related theme

GIDSC 16: International Relation and	India's Foreign Policy
Indian Diaspora	Diaspora Policy
	 Soft power and Indian Diaspora
	Diaspora and Bi-lateral relations
	 Cultural diplomacy
	Diaspora diplomacy
	Any other related theme
	Technology and Indian Diaspora
	Indian Unskilled Labour migration: Unrecognize
	sector
GIDSC 17: Indian Skilled and Unskilled	 Student Migration
Labours and Students in Diaspora	Skilled migration: Technocrats/Engineers/
Labours and Students in Diaspora	Doctors/Nurses
	 Indian Teachers and Academicians in Diaspora
	 Indian Students' Organization in Diaspora
	 Indian Professionals' organization in the diaspora
	 Any other related theme
	 International and Transnational Trade routes in
	Indian Diaspora
GIDSC 18: Business, Trade and	 Indian Trade Diaspora
Entrepreneurship and Indian Diaspora	 Diaspora and Investment
	 Indian diaspora entrepreneurship
	 Global IT industries and Indian Diaspora
	 Any other related theme
	Media in Diaspora
	 Media of Diaspora
	 Bollywood and Hollywood on Indian diasporas
GIDSC 19: Media, Documentaries, and	South Asian and regional Cinema and Indian
Films and Indian Diasporas	Diasporas
	 Documentary/ies / Films on the Indian Diaspora
	 Indian Digital Diasporas
	Social Media and Indian Diasporas
	Any other related theme
	Indian Diaspora and English Language/s
	 Indian Diaspora Literature in English
	 Poetry, Letters, Fiction,
	Drama/Play/Autobiographies
GIDSC 20: English literature of the Indian	 Indian Diaspora Literature in English and South Asian Diaspora Literature: Comparative Approach
Diaspora	
	 Indian Diaspora Literatures in English Translation Psychology and Indian Diaspora
	 Memory and Diaspora Behaviours and Diaspora
	 Any other related theme
	 Remittances and Covid -19 L L Minute L Minute Covid -10
<i>GIDSC 21:</i> Indian Migrants, Diasporas, and	 Indian Migrants during Covid -19 Indian Diagnong and Covid 10
Covid -19	 Indian Diaspora and Covid -19 Covid - 10 and Pattern evidentities (and etailetist)
	Covid – 19 and Return migration/repatriation
	Covid -19 and the Health of Migrants and Diasport

	Covid -19 and families of Migrants and diaspora
	✤ Any other related theme
	 Ancient Indian International Migration
	 Medieval Indian International Migration
	 Colonial Indian International Migration
GIDSC 22 A: History of Indian Migration	Post-colonial Indian International Migration
and Diaspora	 Indian Travellers and Travelogues
	 Indian Soldiers' migration during the colonial time
	 Indian soldiers in transnational securities
	✤ Any other related theme
	Indian National Army and Indian Freedom Struggle
	 Indian Freedom Fighters in Abroad and Indian Freedom Movement
GID SC 22 B: Role of Indian Diaspora in India's freedom Struggle	 Indian Trade and Labour Diaspora and India's Freedom Struggle
2 00	 Indian Organizations in Diaspora during colonial time and India's Freedom Struggle
	 Foreign Social and Democratic Activists and India's Freedom Struggle
	 Women in Indian Diaspora
GID SC 23: Gender in the Indian Diaspora	 LGBT community and Diaspora
	 Any similar theme

Inaugural Session 10:00 AM 12:40 PM (IST) (a) Seminar hall, Sector 29, CUG.

University Song	ICT – CUG	Time: 10:00am –
		10:05 am (IST)
Welcome Address	Prof. Rajesh Makwana, Chairperson, Centre for Diaspora Studies, CUG	10:05 am-10:15 am (IST)
	Dr. Sajaudeen N. Chapparban,	10:15 am – 10:25
Introduction to	Convener and Coordinator &	am (IST)
Conference Series	Assistant Professor, Centre for Diaspora Studies,	
	Central University of Gujarat	
Book Release	<i>Literature of Girmitiya: History, Culture and Identity</i> Edited by. Dr. Neha Singh and Dr. Sajaudeen Chapparban (Palgrave Macmillan 2023) Briefing by: Dr. Neha Singh & ABSTRACT BOOK Release	10:25 to 10:30
Chief Guest	Shri Alok Kumar Pandey (IAS),	
	Managing Director & Commissioner of Tourism, Govt. of. Gujarat, Gandhinagar	
Keynote Speaker	Prof. S Irudaya Rajan,	10:30am -10:55 an
	Chair, International Institute for Migration and Development, Kerala, India	(IST)
Guest of Honor	Dr. Tariq Khan,	10:55-11-15 am
	Officer-In-Charge, National Translation Mission, CIIL, Ministry of Education, Govt. of India.	
Guest of Honor	Prof. William F.S. Miles,	11:15 – 11:30 AM
	Professor of Political Science in the Department of Political Science, Northeastern University, Boston, MA, USA	
Special Guests	Prof. Nidhi Khosla	11:30-11:45 am
	Associate Professor	
	Department of Public Health,	
	California State University, CA, USA	
Guest of Honor	Dr. Jayendrasinh Jadav, Registrar, Gujarat Sahitya Akademi, Gandhinagar	11:45 – 12:00 Noo
Presidential Address	Prof. Rama Shanker Dubey,	12: 00 – 12: 20
	Hon'ble V.C. Central University of Gujarat, India	
Vote	of Thanks: Dr. Sajaudeen Chapparban, CDS, CUG 12:20- 12:40	am
	LUNCH BREAK : 12: 40 - 1: 30 PM	

DAY – I		
Post Lunch Plenary Session in person 1:30 PM – 3:20 PM (IST) DA		IST) DATE: 23 Feb 2023
Plenary 2	Speakers	Chair
Indian Diaspora, Social Sciences and New Challenges and Opportunities in 21 st Century	 Prof. R.B. Bhagat Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai, India. Prof. Anisur Rahman Director, UGC - Human Resource Development Centre, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, India. Prof. Ghan Shyam Department of History Faculty of Social Sciences Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi-India. Prof. Ajailiu Niumai C.V. Raman Fellow & Head, Centre for the Study of Social Exclusion & Inclusive Policy, University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad, India Dr. Muneer Ilath Convenor RC-04 Migration and Diaspora 	Prof. Atanu Mohapatra, Professor, Centre for Diaspora Studies, Central University of Gujarat, India
Plenary – II:	Indian Sociological Society, India SPEAKERS	CHAIR
3:20 pm – 5:00 PM (IST) Culture, Languages and Literatures in/of Indian Diaspora	 1. Prof. Sachin C. Ketkar Professor, Department of English, Faculty of Arts, The Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda, Vadodara-2, India. 2. Prof. Shugufta Shaheen Professor and Head, Dept. of English and Honorable Pro-Vice Chancellor, Maulana Azad National Urdu University, Hyderabad, India. 3. Dr. Sharmita Lahiri Associate Professor, School of Humanities, Indian Institute of Technology, Gandhinagar, India. 4. Prof. Manilal H Patel 	Prof. Atanu Bhattacharya, Professor Centre for English Studies, School o Language, Literature and Culture Studies, Central University of Gujarat, India

	<i>Gujarati poet, essayist, novelist, and literary critic from Gujarat, India.</i>	
	5. Prof. Usha Upadhyay	
	Professor and Head,	
	Department of Gujarati,	
	M.D. Samajsewa Sankul, Gujarat Vidyapith, Ahmedabad	
	Working _ Evening TEA and Snacks_	
	1. Prof. Goolam Vahed	Prof. Balaji Ranganathan,
<u>Inaugural day</u>	Professor of History, University of KwaZulu-	Professor of Comparative Literature, Central University of Gujarat
<u>Special Lectures –</u>	Natal, South Africa.	Gandhinagar.
<u>5:00 - 6:00 PM</u>	2. Professor Robin Cohen	
<u>Seminar</u> HALL	Emeritus Professor,	
(Hybrid Mode)	Senior Research Fellow, Kellogg College	
(Hybrid Mode)	Department of International	
	Development, University of Oxford, the United	
	Kingdom	
 	Moderator: Dr. Sajaudeen Chapparban	
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	DAY 2 Hybrid Mode 24 Feb 2023.	
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	GIDSC 01: Punjabi Diaspora in the 21st Century	
Parallel Sessions Presentations: on Indian Languages and Literatures in Indian Diaspora 11:45 – 1:15 pm: IST [These sessions will also run parallel to other sessions for more details pls check Technical session Timing too]	 Co-Coordinated by Dr. Atinder Kaur, Punja Ludhiana GIDSC 02: <i>Gujarati Diaspora in the 21st Centur</i> Co-Coordinated by Dr. Raeesa Usmani, Cl and Technology (CHARUSAT) Changa, Gu GIDSC 03: <i>Hindi Diaspora in the 21st Century</i> Co-Coordinated by Prof. Amit Mishra and Ambedkar University, New Delhi and Manip GIDSC 04: <i>Urdu Diaspora in the 21st Century</i> Co-Coordinated by Prof. Shugufta Shaheet Nakathorige and Dr. Shah Alam Maulana University, Hyderabad. 	y narotar University of Science jarat Dr Neha Singh , Dr. B R pal University, Jaipur. n, Dr. Khairunnisa

	GIDSC 05: Bengali Diaspora in the 21st Century	7
	5. Co-Coordinated by Dr. Savantan Mondal , GIDSC 06: Odia Diaspora in the 21st Century	GITAM University Hyderabad
	 Co-Coordinated by Dr. Madhulika Sahoo, Kalahandi, Odisha GIDSC 07: Malayali Diaspora in the 21st Centur 	
	 Co-Coordinated by Dr. Muneer Illath, RC Sociological Society, New Delhi 	
	GIDSC 08: Tamil Diaspora in the 21st Century	
	8. Co-Coordinated by Dr. Mahalingam M , Se Harrieya V, Agurchand Manmull Jain Co	
	GIDSC 09: Kashmiri Diaspora in 21st Century	
	9. Co-Coordinated by Dr Hina Tahir, MANU	JU Kashmir, Campus, Srinagar.
	GIDSC 10 & 11: Marathi, Telugu, and Kannada	Diaspora in the 21st Century
	Co-Coordinated by Dr. Bhupesh Chintamani, Syn Prof. J. Bheemaiah, University of Hyderabad, Hyd Central University of Karnataka, Kalburgi.	
	1:15 – 2:00 PM Lunch Break	
	GIDSC 11. A: Minorities in Indian Diaspora in the	21st Century
Parallel Sessions:	 Co-Coordinated by Dr. Aziz ur Rahaman, Aligarh 	Aligarh Muslim University,
Presentations II : Social Sciences and	GIDSC 12 B: Dalits in Indian Diaspora in the 21st	Century
Indian Diaspora 2:00	2. Co-Coordinated by Dr. Shailendra Kumar	, Assam Central University
– 3:45 pm IST	GIDSC 13: Indian Languages and Translating/ion i	n Diaspora
[These sessions will also run parallel to other sessions for more	 Co-Coordinated by Dr. Tariq Khan, Centr Mysore, Karnataka GIDSC 14: Indian Cultures and Religions in Diaspo 	
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	5. Co-Coordinated by Prof. Irudaya Rajan II Central University of Gujarat	IMAD, and Dr. Naresh Kuma
	GIDSC 16: International Relation and Indian Diaspora	
	6. Co-Coordinated by Dr. Ans Omair, Ankar	a University, Turkey
	SPEAKERS	CHAIR
Date 24: Feb: 2023		
	1. Dr. Ziyauddin , Maulana Azad National	Prof. Chandrashekhar Bha

4:00 -5:30 pm		University of Hyderabad.
	2. Prof. Vivek Kumar,	
	Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi	
Gender, Caste, Culture, and	3. Prof. Mohan Gautam	
Minorities and	Chancellor and President at European	
Indian Diaspora	University of West, Netherlands	
	<i>4. Prof. Aparna Rayaprol</i> University of Hyderabad.	
	Session Moderator: Dr. Naresh Kumar	
	GIDSC 17: Indian Skilled and Unskilled Labour	rs and Students in Diaspora
Post Dinner Presentations	 Co-Coordinated by Dr. Sadanand Sahoo and IGNOU, New Delhi 	d his GRFDT Team
7:30 pm – 10. 30 pm		
	DAY III	
	DATE: 25 th Feb 2023	
	GIDSC 18: Business, Trade and Entrepreneurship a	and Indian Diaspora
Parallel Sessions:	1. Co-Coordinated by Dr. Ruchi Singh , TISS	Mumbai
Presentations: 10:00 to 12:00 Noon	GIDSC 19: Media, Documentaries, Films and India	n Diaspora
[These sessions will also run parallel to	2. Co-Coordinated by Dr. Mohamed Shafeed of Higher Education, Manipal	q Karinkurayil, Manipal Acaden
other sessions for more	GIDSC 20: English literature and Indian Diaspora	
details pls check Technical session Timing too]	 Co-Coordinated Dr. Sajaudeen , Dr. Shr Dr. Sanjida Parveen, The University of Ma 	
	GIDSC 21: Indian Migrants, Diasporas, and Covid	-19
	4. Co-Coordinated by Prof. Anisur Rahman ,	Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi
	Lunch Break: 12:00 to 1:00 pm	
	GIDSC 22: History of Indian Migration & Diaspora	a &
<u>Parallel Sessions :</u>	Freedom Movement and Indian Diaspo	Dra
<u>1:00 to 3:00 PM</u>	 Co-Coordinated by Dr. Neha & Prof. University, Varanasi GIDSC 23: Gender and Indian Diaspora 	Ghan Shyam, Banaras Hind
	 Co-coordinated by Porf. Ajailiu Nuimai, Un Amina Hussain, Khwaja Moinuddin Chishti I 	

Plenary 5 Film, Media, International Migration and the Indian Diaspora	 Dr. Shailendra Kumar, Associate Profess Sociology, Central University of Assam. Dr. Mohamed Shafeeq Karinkurayil, Manipal Academy of Higher Education, Manipal Dr. Kumar Mahabir, Indo-Caribbean Centre & University of Guyana, Guyana & MS. Shalima Mohammed Indo-Caribbean Centre, Trinidad and Tobago. Prof. Binod Khadria, Jawaharlal Nehru 	Centre for Studies in Society and Development, Central University of Gujarat
<i>3-4 PM</i>	University, New Delhi and President GRFD' New Delhi.	Τ,

~ Valedictory Session ~ 4:15 to 5:15 PM ~ IST

Valedictory Address: 1. Prof. Amit Mishra, Professor of Global Studies, Ambedkar University Delhi

Special Guest: Prof. Balvant Shantilal Jani, Professor of Gujarati & Honorable Chancellor,

Dr. Harisingh Gour University, Sagar, India.

Shri Bhagyesh Jha,

Retired IAS officer and writer, Chairman of the Gujarat Sahitya Akademi, Govt. of Gujarat, Gandhinagar

Prof. Rama Shanker Dubey, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, CUG.

Chair: Prof. H.B. Patel, Registrar, Central University of Gujarat, Gandhinagar

Vote of thanks: Dr. Sajaudeen Chapparban, CDS-CUG, Convener and Coordinator of the Conference

~ High TEA ~





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We have also attempted to translate the concept note in to Indian Languages including Punjabi, Gujarati, Hindi, Odia, Tamil, Telugu, Kannada etc. to encourage scholars from regional linguistic backgrounds. This was a small token of celebration of the upcoming International Mother Language Day on 21st February 2023. It is celebrated worldwide to protect, preserve and promote linguistic and cultural diversities and multilingualism.

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- 15. Dr. Rajneesh Kumar, Central University of Gujarat

About the Centre

The Centre was established in the year 2011 with the objective to study and critically engage with issues of global migration and Diaspora from multi-disciplinary perspectives and produce quality research and knowledge for academia, government and society. Diaspora Studies is a new interdisciplinary area that has emerged in Humanities and Social Sciences dealing with the study of migration and its cultural, literary, social, demographic, anthropology, political, economic impact and international relations. The Centre focuses on Indian Diaspora in particular and global Diasporas in general. According to MOIA recently released statistics near about 30 million Indian diaspora residing outside of India. The history of Indian migration goes back to ancient and pre-modern times though it has become a subject of study only in recent times. A sizeable body of literature now exists both in the forms of fiction and scholarly writings on the historical, anthropological, sociological, cultural, demographic, political and economic aspects. The overseas Indian community has significantly contributed to the Indian development and also has emerged as the 'soft power' promoting India's international relations as global ambassadors and contributing immensely to the social and intellectual capital of India. Diaspora Studies has opened up plethora of new research areas, which need to be studied and researched upon. The Centre with a multidisciplinary framework study and addresses the mutual relations and converging contours of diaspora.

The Centre provides an excellent academic environment with a focus on participatory teaching and learning use of ICT in teaching, periodical revision and updating of syllabus, field work exposures for students etc. The Centre invites scholars and visiting professors from prominent universities in India and Abroad to deliver lectures on varied aspects of the subject, and it provides a platform for the students and faculties to learn the emergent issues in the subject. Students of the Centre are from different disciplinary backgrounds, religion, and communities. The faculties members of the Centre have their background in Humanities and Social Sciences and have specialization in migration and Diaspora. The CDS have five regular faculties from different disciplines of Humanities and Social Sciences.