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**The Department of English
organizes
A Two-Day International Virtual Conference
November 17 & 18, 2021**



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Literature**



About the Institution

Vel Tech is well-known for its renowned educational practices, which has been endowed with several awards and recognitions. The founders of the Institution, Col. Prof. Vel. Dr. R. Rangarajan Chancellor & Founder President and Dr. Sagunthala Rangarajan Foundress President believe in Education for All despite their financial means which will promote and uplift the society. In accord to their vision, Vel Tech Mahatma Gandhi Scholarship scheme was started and has been supporting students since the inception. Vel Tech has bestowed 9500 scholarships worth approximately Rs. 35 Crores until 2019.*

Global Alliances of Vel Tech has working International Relations with more than 390 Institution across 30 countries and has entered into the Memoranda of Understanding (MoU) with 120 Institutions for various Academic and Research exchange activities. Students, Faculty members, and Researchers get the collaborative platform for Academic projects, explore leading best practices and Research work with International Universities. Vel Tech believes that there are no boundaries in the pursuit of knowledge. Through these strategic alliances with International Universities, the standard of education at Vel Tech would be on par with the best in the world.

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About the Department

The department was established since the inception of the Institution. It comprises commendable faculty members from various specializations with potential brilliance and proficient knowledge. The department meticulously works for improvising the students' quality of English Language and caters to the demands of the present corporate world. The faculty are adept in motivating and inspiring language students. Using tried and tested methods, they help the students achieve their potential during the course.

The department has been offering various language development courses such as Technical English, Technical Communication, Workplace Communication I, Workplace Communication II, Professional Communication I and Professional Communication II for Undergraduate Programme (UG), B.Tech. students. To enhance their communication skills and to impart moral values, the department also offers various Value Education Electives and Institute Electives like Public Speaking, Effective Group Discussion, Moral Values in Thirukkural, Autobiography and Memoirs, Stress Management, Passionate Leadership, Soft Skills, Creative Writing, Learning to Learn, Grooming Your Vocabs, Academic Writing and Intensive English for Beginners. The department offers M.A. Programme in English from the academic year 2020-21. The Department has six recognized supervisors to guide Ph.D. programme in English with 26 scholars pursuing research under their supervision. The areas of research include Indian Writing in English, Dalit Literature, American Literature, Cyber Literature, Mythological Studies, British Literature, Black Literature and ELT. Faculty Development Programmes (FDP) are conducted for upgrading teaching skills bringing positive effect on students' academic achievement. The Department has taken an initiative of signing an MoU with Cambridge Assessment English, University of Cambridge, U.K to enhance English language skills of the students to satisfy the needs of the industry.

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Vel Tech Centre for English Proficiency-IA072

Vel Tech Centre for English Proficiency-IA072 is an authorized centre for Cambridge English Language Assessment. The centre was established on 29th April, 2019 at Vel Tech Rangarajan Dr. Sagunthala R&D Institute of Science and Technology. This Intensive Training Centre conducts various certificate courses for English language learners and teachers. Cambridge English qualification is designed to help professionals develop the English language skills to communicate confidently in an international workplace and use the English language in professional and academic contexts at a high level. The centre conducts different levels of examinations depending upon the student requirements.

Objectives of the Conference

CRISA – the name of the conference heralds the features and characteristics of its Italian origin, focusing on the desire to pioneer new undertakings, give innovative ideas, creative outbursts and pragmatic understanding in the field of English Language and Literature.

The conference focuses on the intersectional approach towards the subject. Our definition of "literature" encompasses a wide range of texts, forms, and genres. We welcome entries that deal with film and television, visual art, spoken word poetry and other oral forms, hip-hop, comic books, graphic novels, literature for children, and historical records and events, in addition to more typical literature studies.

People see the world they live in, the difficulties they face in their environment, and their relationships with others as a synthesis of skills and information from several disciplines. As a result, if the information and abilities acquired during the teaching and learning process could be combined in an interdisciplinary manner, we would be better equipped to help individuals internalise what they have learned.

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Literature is not a stand-alone subject; it brings in elements from various other disciplines like Philosophy, Psychology, Anthropology and so on. The conference focuses on intersecting avenues with Literature and Language at the fore point. The aim being to produce innovative scholarship within the broad field of Literature and various disciplines, focusing on an interdisciplinary approach.

Sub - Themes of the Conference:

- Literature and sites of difference, such as class, race, gender, sexuality, religion, and disability
- Intersectional approaches to studying literature and doing academic work
- Democracy and literature
- Relationship between Literary Studies and Ethnic Studies
- Spoken word and other oral literature and traditions
- Women's Life Writing
- Autobiographical Writing
- Literature of diaspora
- Decolonial theory and literature*
- Literature and settler-colonialism*
- Composition and rhetoric pedagogy
- Digital Humanities
- Subaltern Studies
- Environmental Humanities
- Medical Humanities
- Memory Studies
- Cognitive Studies
- Indigenous Studies
- Contemporary Cultural Studies
- Gender Studies
- Social Justice and Visual Media
- Travel Literature
- Graphic Literature
- Film Studies
- Discourse Analysis
- Migration Studies
- Creative Arts
- Science Fiction
- Green Literature

*Not limited to the above-mentioned themes

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Please format the document according to the MLA8 guidelines

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Important dates:

Registration: By 07th November 2021

Abstract Submission: By 07th November 2021

(Abstracts submitted after the date will not be included in conference proceedings)

Full paper Submission: By 15th November 2021

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Research Scholars: INR 500

Faculty: INR 750

International Candidates: 10 USD

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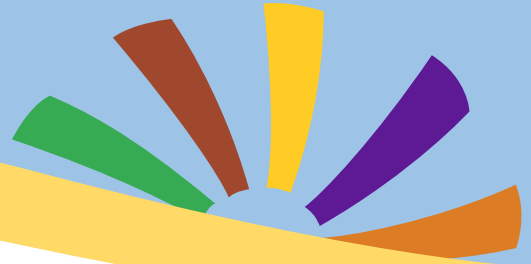
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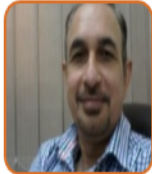
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