

**CENTRE FOR CANADIAN STUDIES  
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**Lecture Series on “Paradigm Shifts in Comparison through the Ages and across Cultures”**

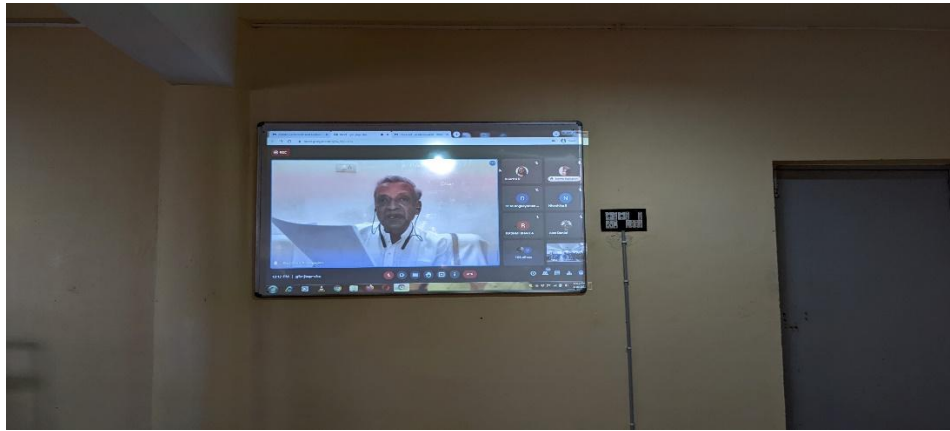
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The Centre for Canadian Studies organised a Lecture Series on “Paradigm Shifts in Comparison through the Ages and across Cultures” funded by Shastri Conference and Lecture Series Grant (SCLSG) 2022. The lecture was conducted in a virtual platform through hybrid mode with the physical presence of students, scholars and faculty members at Tagore Hall, Department of English, Bharathidasan University where the resources appeared online from 16-03-2022 to 25-03-2022.

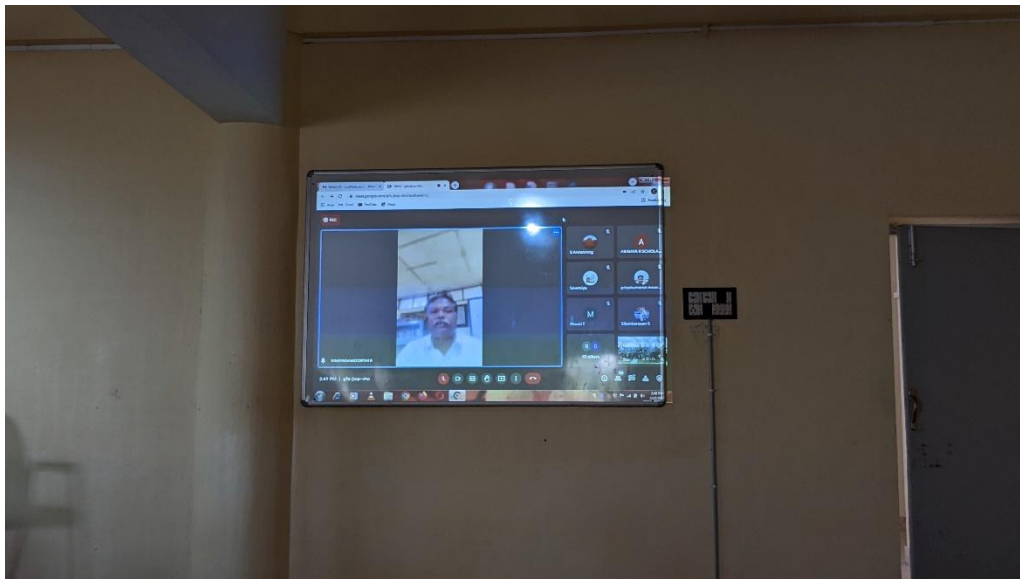


On 16 March 2022, the Lecture Series was inaugurated by Dr.Prachi Kaul, Director, Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute at 11:00 am. Dr.V.Vinod Kumar, Professor and Head of

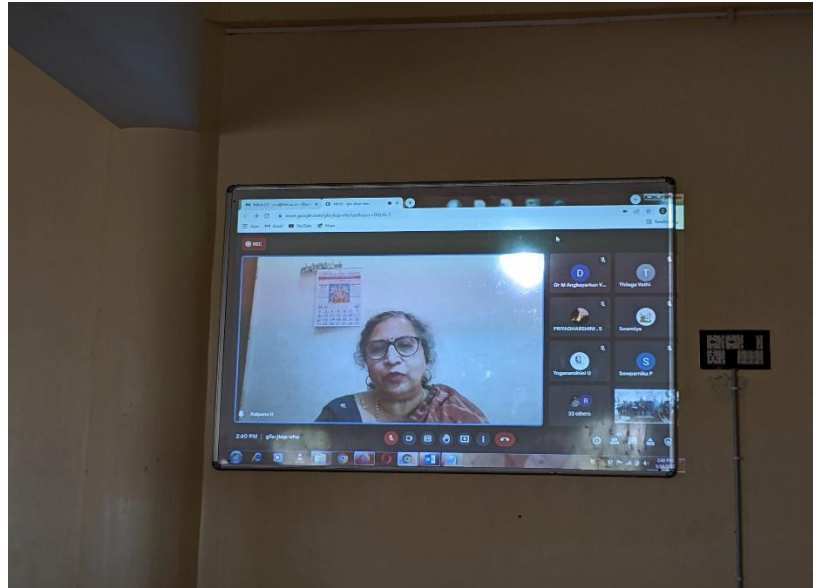
English, BDU delivered the Welcome address. Prof. Marudhanayagam delivered the first lecture of the Series entitled “The Meaning of Life: Plato and Thiruvalluvar” and elaborated on the parallelism found between Plato and Thiruvalluvar.



On 17 March 2022, at 02:30 pm Dr.S.Armstrong, Professor and Head, Department of English, Madras University delivered a lecture on “Canadian Native Women’s Writings: Texts and Contexts” in which he introduced and expounded the Native Canadian Women writers and their counterparts in Indian Literatures.

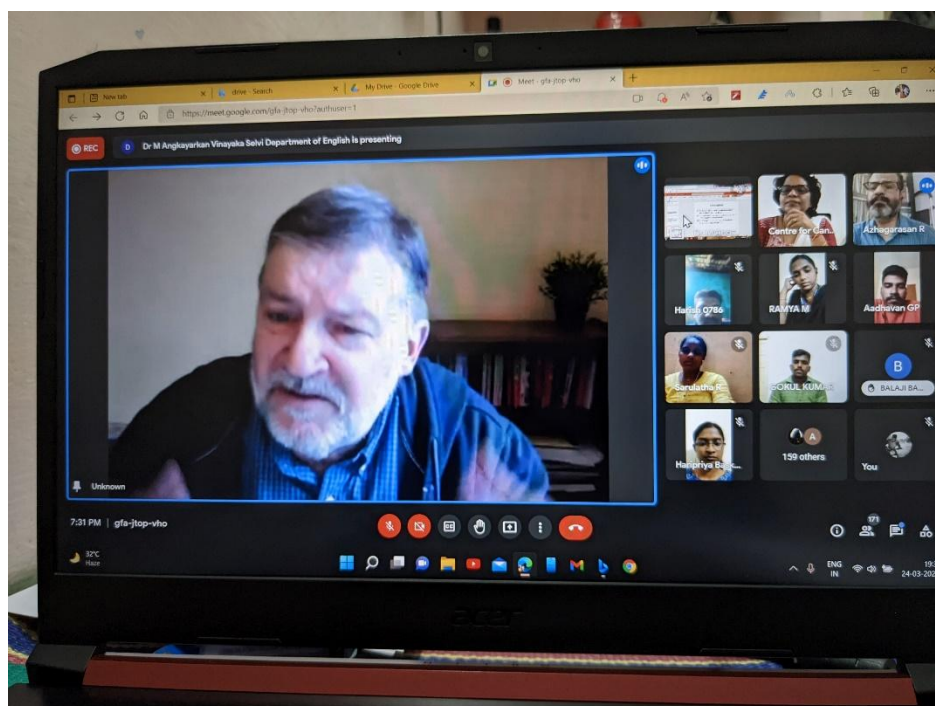


On 18 March 2022, a lecture on “Gender and Nationalism: A Comparison through Select Texts” was given by Dr. H. Kalpana, Professor, Department of English, School of Humanities, Pondicherry University at 02:30 pm. She focused on the questions of nation within the gender perspective and she provided an elaborate account of the literary references among gender and nation across cultures.

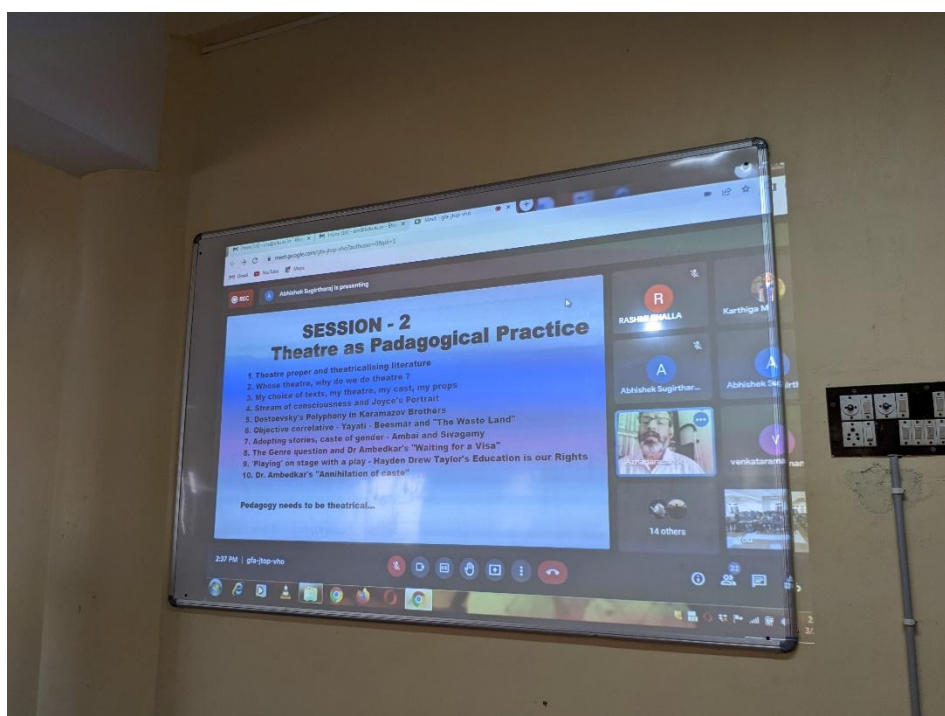


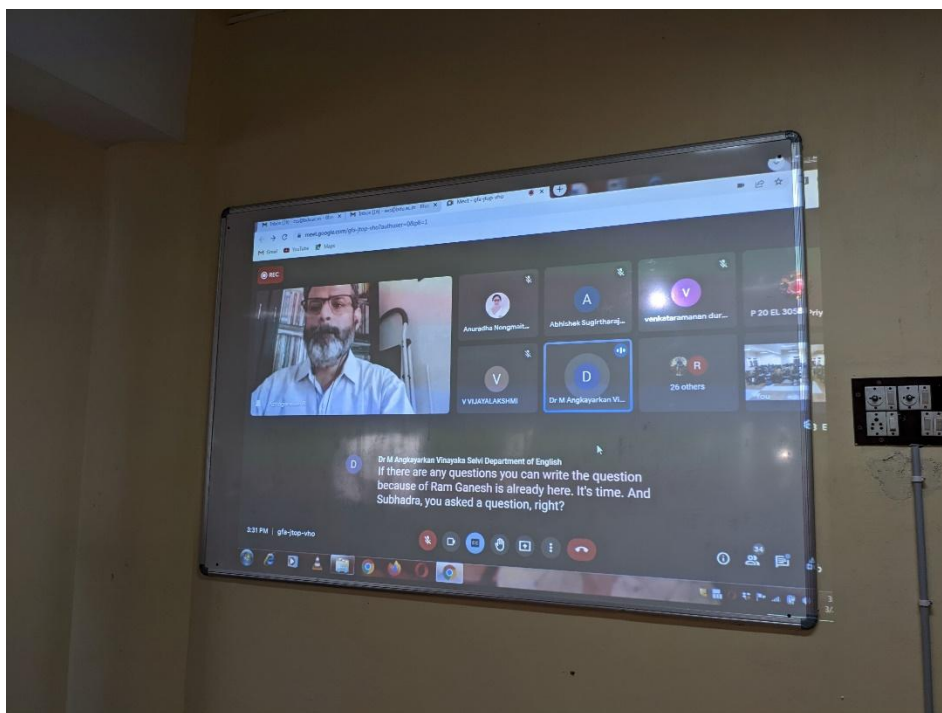
On 24 March 2022, the lecture began at 06:30 pm. Dr. Neil ten Kortenaar, Professor and Chair, Department of English, University of Toronto, Canada, delivered the lecture entitled “Learning from the Global South to Read Literature: The Example of the African Novel” from Toronto, Canada and he presented the significant contributions of African Literature towards narrative representations which is a lesson to the European countries.





On 25 March 2022, Dr. R. Azhagarasan, Professor, Department of English, University of Madras served as resource person and delivered two lectures. The first lecture of the day began at 11:30 am on “From Comparative Literature to Culture Studies: A Shift from Bassnett to Simon During”. He spoke on the contemporary status of culture studies. In the second lecture entitled “Theatre as Pedagogic Practice: Function of Comparative Literature” he explained the pedagogic strategies and theories with select examples for a better understanding of theatre and performance studies.





The lecture series ended with the Valedictory Ceremony. Dr. Ram Ganesh, Professor of Education Technology, Bharathidasan University delivered the valedictory address. Vote of Thanks was proposed by the event co-ordinator Dr. M. Angkayarkan Vinayakaselvi, Director, Centre for Canadian Studies and Associate Professor of English, Bharathidasan University, Trichy.