



School of Languages and Literature/Humanities

International Seminar on

“Indic and South East Asian Perspectives in Conceptualising World Literature”

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Call for Papers

The first maps of the world were made on the basis of the expeditions from Sagres in Portugal. This wave of sea expeditions continued for long and finally the Portuguese navigators found a novel method of sailing into the high seas known as ‘volta do mar’ which made them undertake the journey into the high seas which were hitherto supposed to have been frightening to their neighbouring Arabian Sailors. With this novel method of ‘(re)turn from the sea’, the notion of world changed. The centre of the world in maps were often according to the European cartographers, yet the Centre of the ideas of the world kept on evolving and never remained fixed. Arabs as knowledge civilisation were replaced by the Europeans who themselves became a great receptor of ideas from all over the world. As mostly happens in knowledge transactions, the European reception of ‘ideas’ were tainted by their own understanding of the ideas they received from the places they visited. In the process a basic notion of *Weltliteratur* emerged among Germans – interestingly, it emerged in a language that was not involved in the colonial projects while understanding the world. Despite the lack of direct physical contact through wars and expeditions, the Germans appear to have conceptualised the notion of the New World through their study of several ideas from different cultures of the World. Indic and South East Asian Perspectives contributed a lot in the ideas that the Europeans received. In the 21st Century, we again notice the similar contributions from Indic and South East Asian Perspectives in conceptualising World. The Seminar focuses on understanding the Indic and South East Asian Perspectives in conceptualising World as expressed in written or oral texts.

Papers are invited on the above theme from the scholars. If required, one or two sessions can be conducted online.

Kindly note that the **last date for submission of Abstract of the Paper is 24th October, 2023.**

Abstracts to be submitted on the email: iseap2023@nalandauniv.edu.in