



REPORT

Decolonizing the Mind: Culture, Literature and Criticism

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In recent years contestations around European colonial heritage and legacies have been voiced around calls “to decolonize” institutions, public spaces, curricula and forms of knowledge. A key contribution, which remains influential among activists and scholars in many parts of Europe and Africa today, is that of Kenyan novelist and literary theorist Ngũgĩ wa Thiong’o and his “Decolonizing the Mind” published in 1981. In this short book, Ngũgĩ asserts that colonialism’s “most important area of domination was the mental universe of the colonized, the control through culture, of how people perceived themselves and their relationship to the world”. He considered Colonialism as a “cultural bomb” which annihilated people’s belief in their language, heritage and environment and made them regard their own cultural background as “a wasteland of non-achievement”. Through various social movements contestations of such assumptions started which not only attempted at de-centering the Western traditions of knowledge and refuting the westernized canons but initiating the processes of liberating one from the colonial hangovers, critically evaluating the power dynamics and the hegemonic practices of systemic oppression through Literature, Culture, and Critical practices.

The Refresher course envisages a wide discussion of various aspects of Colonization and its aftermath, the resistance movements do de-centre the centre and find a new place in the world order.

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A two weeks UGC-Sponsored Multi-Disciplinary Online Refresher Course on **Decolonizing the Mind: Culture, Literature and Criticism** was conducted by the Department of English and Other Europeans Languages from 21st October to 03rd November, 2021.

The inaugural ceremony was held on 21st October 2021 at 10:30 A.M., Hon’ble Vice Chancellor Prof. Neelima Gupta, Dr. H. S. Gour Vishwavidyalaya (A Central University), Sagar (M.P.) was Chief Guests of the course. Prof. G.J.V. Prasad, Centre for English Studies, School of Languages, Jawar Lal Nehru University, New Delhi, delivered the key notes address. Prof. Nivedita Maitra, Head, Department of English and Other European Languages, introduced the concept note and extended welcome all the 55 outstation participants of the refresher course.

The sessions ran from 10A.M. to 6 P.M. Four lectures were delivered per day. There were thirty-six resource persons out of which six were from within the university, and the rest were from other university of the country. The morning sessions were devoted to lectures and interactive sessions. And the post lunch sessions were devoted to discussion, debates and micro-teaching on various sub-themes of the refresher course.

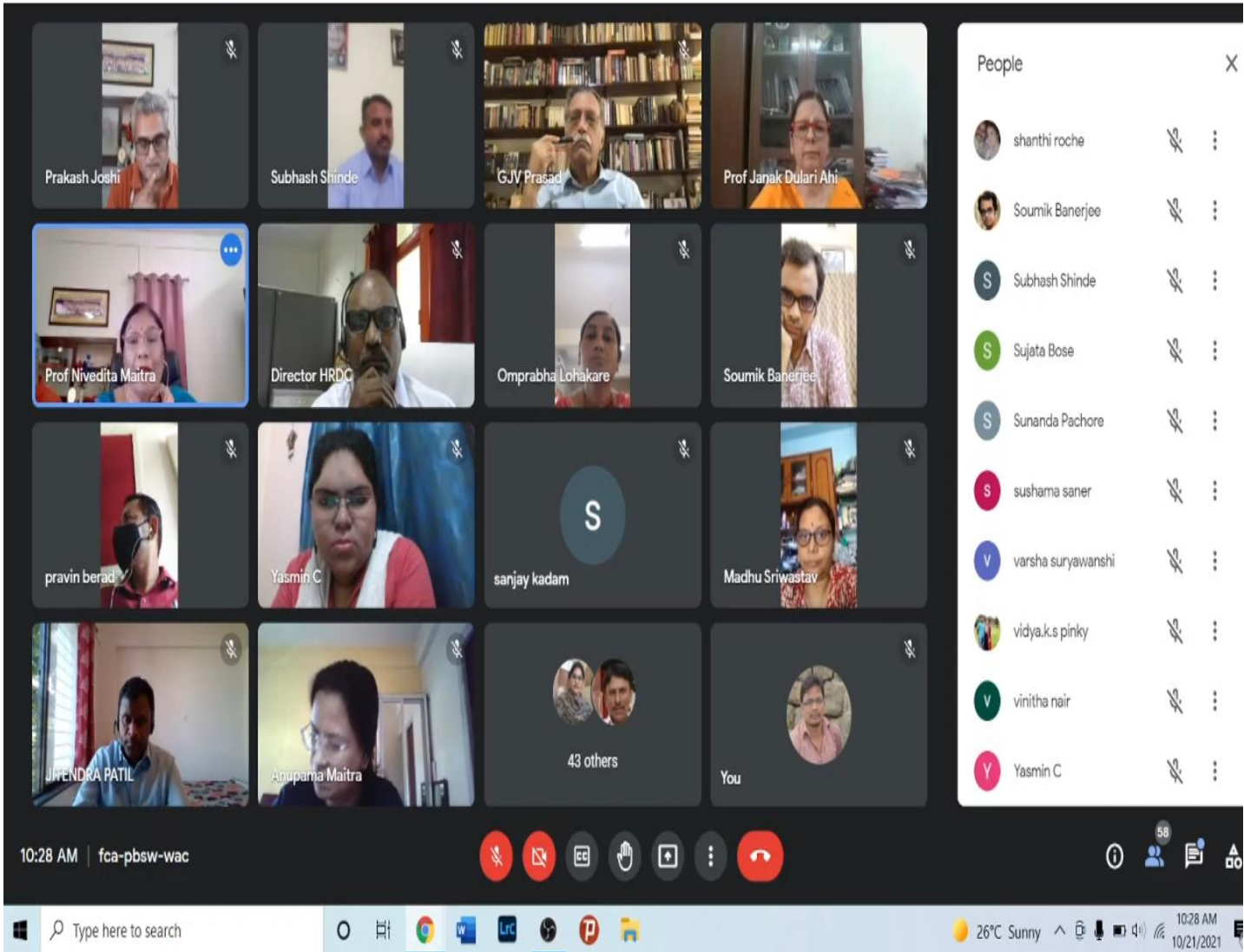
The course was highly appreciated both for its quality of lectures delivered and relevant theme of the course.

The Resource persons for the Two Weeks Multi-Disciplinary Refresher Course on **“Decolonizing the Mind: Culture, Literature and Criticism”** were:

RESOURCE PERSON	AFILIATION
Dr Himanshu Giri	Sigmund Freud University Vienna
Prof. Kalpana Purohit	Professor & Head, Department of English, Jai Narain Vyas University, Jodhpur, Rajasthan.
Prof. Monika Gupta	Department of English, Modern European and Other Foreign Languages, Hemvati Nandan Bahuguna Garhwal University
Prof. Hitesh Raviya	Department of English, The Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda
Dr. Prakash Joshi	Department of English and Other European Languages 3 Dr. Harisingh Gour Vishwavidyalaya, Sagar (M.P.)

Prof. Banibrata Mohanta	Department of English, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi
Prof. Aparajita Hazra	Department of English, Sidho Kanho Birsha University, West Bengal
Prof. G S Giri	Department of Yogic Science, Dr. Harisingh Gour Vishwavidyalaya, Sagar (M.P.)
Prof. Ranu Uniyal	English and Modern European Languages, Lucknow University, UP
Prof. Anita Singh	Department of English, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi
Dr. C Raju	
Prof. A.D. Sharma	Department of English and Other European Languages Dr. Harisingh Gour Vishwavidyalaya, Sagar (M.P.)
Prof. Baral	Department Comparative Literature & India Studies, English and Foreign Languages University Hyderabad, Telangana
Prof. Susheel Sharma	Department of English & Modern European Languages, University of Allahabad
Prof. Subir Dhar	English & School of Languages and Culture, Rabindra Bharati University

Here is the schedule of the Refresher Course



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Banibrata Mahanta

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are demanding that the academy take on the nettlesome question of why we've been sequestered in the first place. For, in disregarding disability as subject matter, disabled people as subjects, and disabled people's subjectivity, academics have been complicit in that confinement. Yet each of these elements, worked through the curriculum, can serve not only to liberate people but to liberate thought. DI

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Brilliant presentation Sir TQ

Remya Kannoth 3:17 PM
excellent sir....thank you for a comprehensive lecture...

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Himanshu Giri is presenting

Psychoanalytic Treatment I

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- Long term vs short term
- Length of a session
- Frequency of sessions
- Distribution of sessions throughout the week/month

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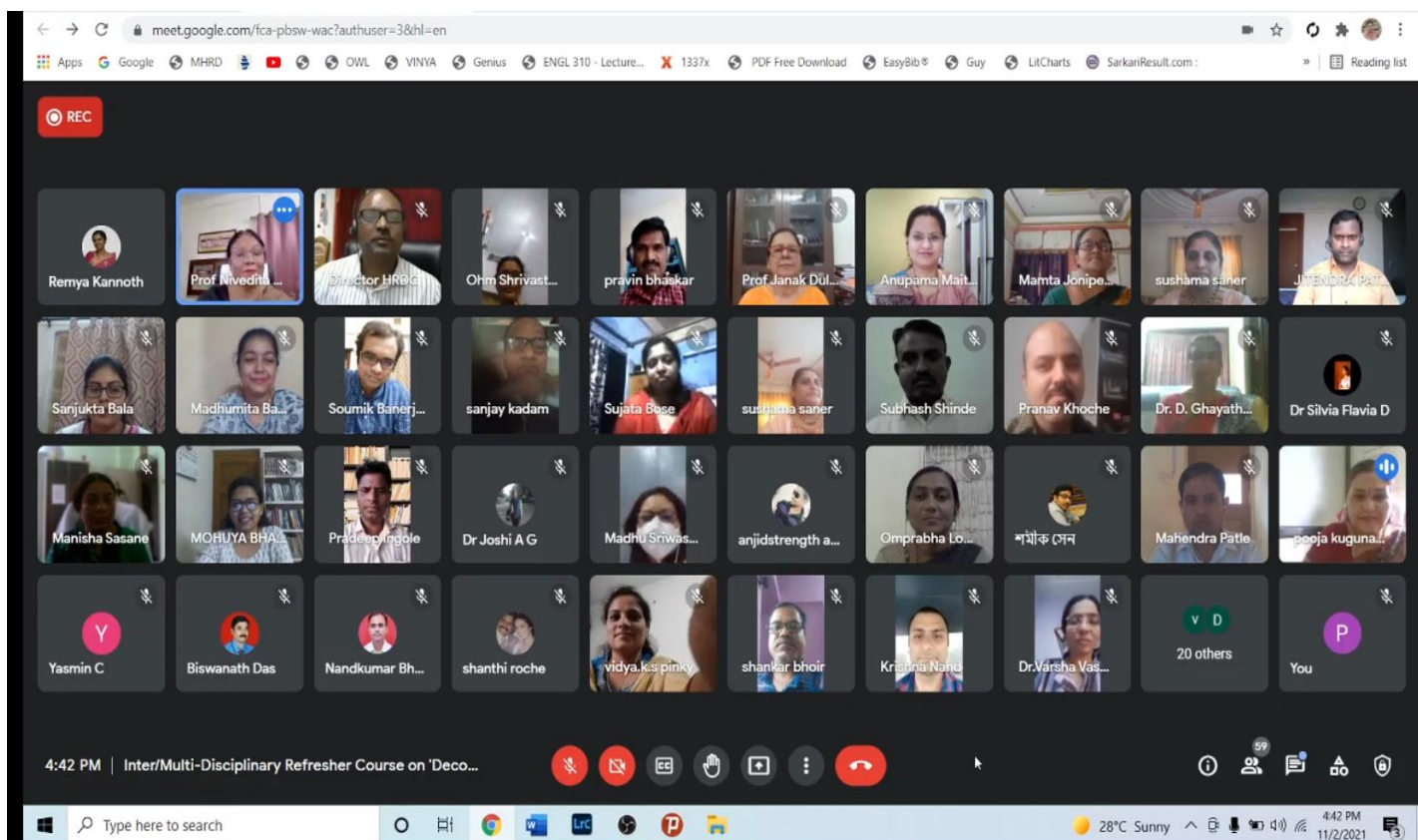
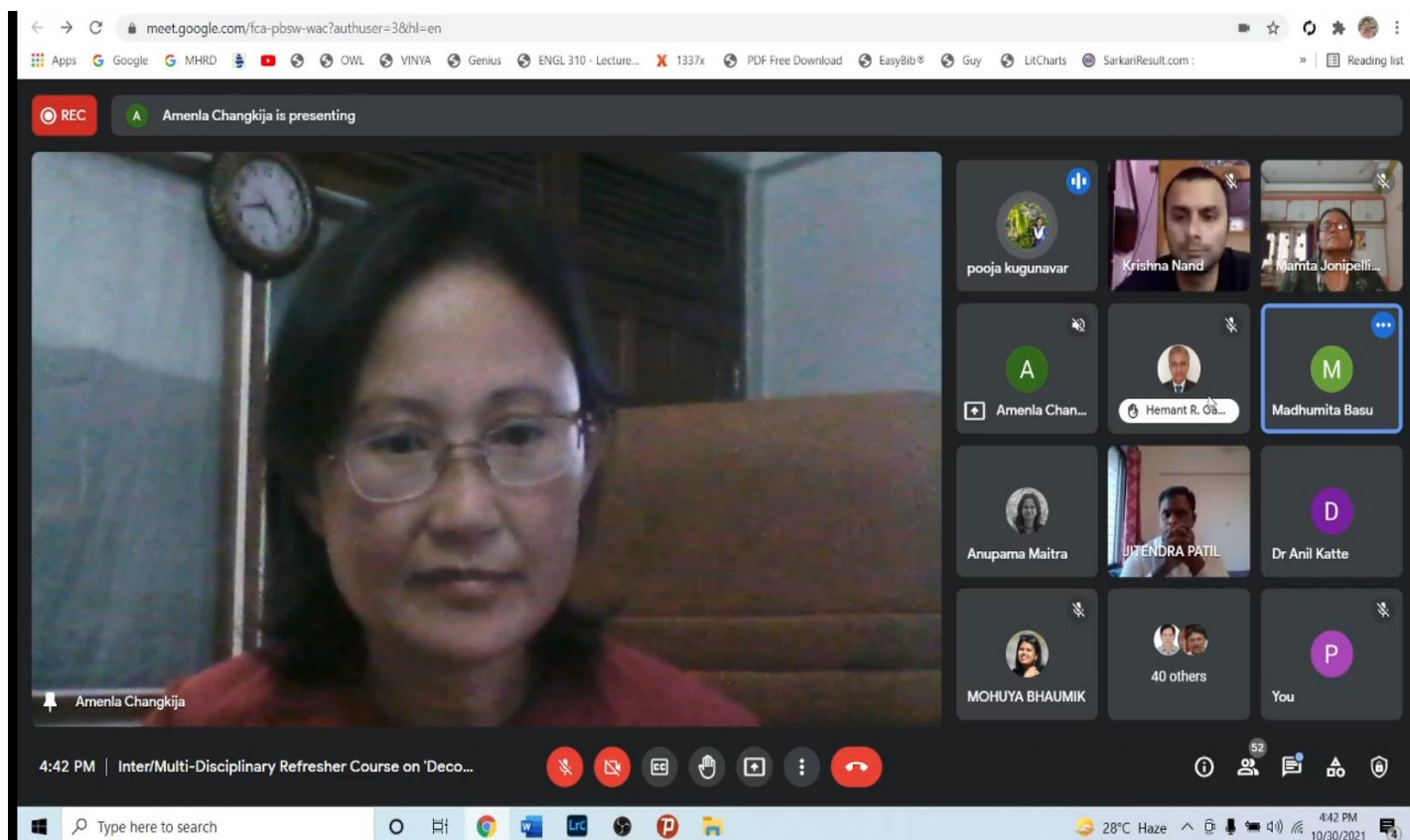
Anupama Maitra

Ash Lyly

Biswanath Das

Deepanjan Chakrabarty

UGC-Sponsored Refresher Course on “Decolonizing the Mind: Culture, Literature and Criticism”



LIST OF PARTICIPANTS WHO SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED THE REFRESHER COURSE

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