

Session 2020 -2021

Extension Lecture

- Topic : **Post- Colonial Theory**
- Venue : Online on Google Meet
- Duration : 01 day
- No. Of Participants : 90
- Date : 06.03.2021
- Resource Person : Dr. S.Z.H. Abidi
- Objectives : To provide a deep understanding of the *Post-Colonial Theory* and its wider perspectives to study social, cultural and psychological impact after Colonialism.
- Details of the Programme : Dr. Abidi began his discourse defining the terms *Post Colonialism and Colonialism*. He said that the Post Colonialism is basically a discourse of the marginalised, the wretched of the earth (Frank Fanon), pilferation, power politics, linguistic, dominance, hegemony, subjugation, feminist criticism. He described in detail the relation between the Colonizer and the Colonized which is mutual and unidirectional. He encapsulated Edward Said's *Orientalism*, Homi K. Bhabha's *The Location of Culture* and *The Other Question* and four keys- Mimicry, Hybridity, Ambiguity and Fixity, quoting various examples from the literary texts. The description of his self created formulas T3+PS+SE+CB+CC+HQ really mesmerised and enchanted the listeners as he explained these signs. T3- describes the whites as Traders, Translators and Thieves, with the ideology of white man's burden he quoted *The Tempest* - Caliban Complex, Prospero Syndrome. He said that *The Tempest* is an allegory of post colonialist perspectives/ discourse where the hierarchy has been dismantled. Prospero's claim that in exchange for the island he has given Caliban the gift of language is shown as the prototype of the order - and Caliban's response is - "I know how to curse". Dr. Abidi also stressed as to how theories/ theory is being dominated by foreign names - Foucault, Lacan, Said, Gayatri Shivakumar, H.K.Bhabha and many more. Indian intellectuals do not theorise, they enjoy the fruits of modernity and then start theorising. Towards the end of his discourse he said the the present time is to talk about fourth world literature, subalterns, Dalits, marginalised

sections, gender parity, tribal ecology issues, how to restore and conserve, resist and assert which leads to self-realisation - Decolonization the process began long ago, no doubt. He also answered a few questions asked in the questionnaire session by the participants. The event ended with a note of gratitude extended by Dr. Tarlochan Kaur Sandhu. More than 90 participants had joined the event.

- Outcome : The students and participants became familiar to *Post Colonial Theory*, terms like *Colonialism*, *Decolonization*, *Hegemony*. The response was highly appreciated.
- Photographs of Extension Lecture 1

