

Concept Note

Language, literature and culture are inextricably intertwined. While the elemental function of language is communication, its most eloquent and palpable manifestation is literature, which nurtures and sustains culture. The English language has witnessed exponential expansion in the twentieth century, and there are no visible signs of contraction or even exhaustion setting in. In prestige, influence, spread, applicability, efficacy and acceptability, the English language is without precedence in history, not essentially for its aesthetic allure or some intrinsic sophistication but for its application in situations as diverse as intelligibility in international communication to life-transforming financial implications, especially for those in the outer and the expanding circles. The expansion of English into new territories has made it susceptible to change, but its linguistic effulgence has not diminished despite the fact that it has been interspersed with innumerable culture-specific words and expressions; on the contrary it has gone from strength to strength by being receptive to the linguistic and cultural resources which many languages and cultures have poured into its ever-expanding reservoir. It is an interesting coincidence that the United Nations has declared 2019 as the International Year of Indigenous Languages, with a view to protect and promote these languages, which are dying at an alarming rate. These languages are repositories of traditional knowledge and cultural values; their continuance is significant for cultural diversity, sustainable development, reconciliation and peace building. In the global village, cultural barriers of communication can be overcome through bilingualism and multilingualism, which are a prerequisite for peaceful co-existence, mutual respect and trust. This calls for sensitivity, reasonableness and nuanced understanding in dealing with ideological standpoints, hegemonies and multiplicities of meanings.

Call for Papers on the Following Sub-themes:

- Teaching English in a multilingual/multicultural classroom
- Using technology in the teaching of English
- Developing intercultural communicative competence through world literatures
- Developing cultural sensitivity through the teaching of language and literature
- Teaching language through literature
- Teaching language and literature innovatively
- English as the global lingua franca and the survival of indigenous languages
- English in the marketplace
- The politics of language
- Language and culture in international relations
- Any other topic related to the main theme

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Important dates:

- Last Date for Submission of Abstract:
November 10, 2019
(250 Words, 12pt. Times New Roman, Double Space)
email: eltaiatbedes@gmail.com
- Intimation of Approval of Abstract:
November 15, 2019
- Full Paper Submission: **November 25, 2019**
- Conference Dates: **December 4-5, 2019**

It is mandatory to attend the conference on both the days.

Registration Fee:

■ Faculty	2000/-
■ ELTAI Members	1500/-
■ Research Scholars	1000/-
■ Participants	1000/-
■ UG/PG Students	200/-

Name & Designation

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Online Payment to be made to:

Name: **Deepika Rai**

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Please note that the registration fee does not cover accommodation. It covers the Conference kit (only for faculty and paper presenters), tea and lunch on both days.

Recommended Hotels

for outstation participants:

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From Shimla Railway Station: 8 kms
From ISBT Shimla: 9 kms
Day temperature in December will be 6-8 degrees Celsius

Thermals and woollens are recommended



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