

**AN INTERNATIONAL VIRTUAL  
COLLOQUIUM  
ON ENVIRONMENTAL HUMANITIES**



**ON**

**20.07.2020, 09.00 A.M ONWARDS.**

**CONVENERS**

**Prof. K.S. RAMESH & Dr .D. JYOTHIRMAI  
DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH  
UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF ARTS&COMMERCE**

## **INTRODUCTION:**

**As the world** is shut down (Is it for renovation?) the weak spots of “modern” civilization are exposed. The Covid-19 Pandemic has peeled off the cosmetic layer of the capitalist driven economics and opened up a plethora of questions about man’s relationship with nature. As Dr. Vandana Shiva says “Pandemics, Species Extinction, Climate Change, Hunger, Poverty, Injustice are diverse symptoms of the basic issues of violence against the Earth & destruction of the natural world through continued Colonialisation & Extractivism. At this juncture the humanity is once again being confronted with the age old question i.e., whether Scientific and technological development is a boon or bane. Hence the webinar is aiming to create a platform to discuss the need of the propagation of “Environmental Humanities” as an academic discipline in all the UG and PG level programs across all disciplines.

## **OBJECTIVES OF THE PROGRAM:**

- To create awareness about the need of Environmental Humanities.
- To educate the participants about the recent developments in the topic under consideration.
- To emphasize the need of interdisciplinary research.

## **ORGANIZERS:**

**Prof. Kotti. Sree Ramesh**

(Department of English & Principal, University College of Arts & Commerce)

**Dr. D. Jyothirmai**

Associate Professor & Head, Department of English, AKNU)

## **RESOURCE PERSONS:**

**1. Prof. Scot Slovic**

(Distinguished Professor of Environmental Humanities University of Idaho & Founder President of ASLE)

**2. Prof. Mokka Jagannadha Rao**

(Professor of Geology & Hon’ble Vice – Chancellor Adikavi Nannaya University)

## **BRIEF BIO-DATA OF RESOURCE PERSONS:**

**Prof. Scot Slovic:**

Scott Slovic moved to the University of Idaho in 2012 after teaching for 17 years at the University of Nevada, Reno, where he helped to create the prominent graduate program in literature and environment and develop the Academy for the Environment and the undergraduate environmental studies program. He has published more than 300 articles, interviews, and reviews and is the author, editor, or co-editor of 27 books, including "Going Away to Think: Engagement, Retreat, and Ecocritical Responsibility" (2008), "Nature and the Environment" for EBSCO/Salem Press's Critical Insights Series (2012), a second edition of the textbook "Literature and the Environment" (2013), and "Ecoambiguity, Community, and Development: Toward a Politicized Ecocriticism" (2014). His latest books include "Ecocriticism of the Global South," "Currents of the Universal Being: Explorations of the Literature of Energy," "Numbers and Nerves: Information, Emotion, and Meaning in a World of Data," "Ecocritical Aesthetics: Language, Beauty, and the Environment," and "The Routledge Handbook of Ecocriticism and Environmental Communication," among others.

Scott served as the founding president of the Association for the Study of Literature and Environment (ASLE) from 1992 to 1995, and since 1995 he has edited the journal ISLE: Interdisciplinary Studies in Literature and Environment. He is also the co-editor of two book series: Routledge Studies in World Literatures and the Environment and Routledge Environmental Humanities. He currently serves on the editorial board of fifteen scholarly journals and two book series in the United States and abroad, and he has been a Fulbright National Screening Committee member for the Institute of International Education (IIE) and a panelist in American studies and American literature for the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) and the American Council of Learned Societies (ACLS). He has been a Fulbright Scholar in Germany (University of Bonn, 1986-87), Japan (University of Tokyo, Sophia University, and Rikkyo University, 1993-94), and China (Guangdong University of Foreign Studies, 2006) and has been a visiting professor at many universities around the world.

**Prof. Mokka. Jagannadhra Rao**

M.Sc. (Tech), MS (USA), Ph.D., SME (USA)

Prof. Mokka Jagannadha Rao, hon'ble Vice – Chancellor of Adikavi Nannaya University, Rajamahendravaram has done his education both in India and Aboard. He got his Master's degree in Engineering from University of Alaska, USA. He got his Ph.D. from Andhra University, Visakhapatnam, in the year 1985. He joined as Assistant professor in the Department of geology, Andhra University in 1986 and later promoted to Professor and head of the department from the same dept. He is a serious researcher and academician having more than 33 years of experience in both teaching and research. He has published nearly 150 papers in National and International Journals.

➤ 33 scholars got awarded Ph.D's under his guidance. His students are not only from geology but also from Computer Science, Geo Engineering, Geo Physics and Allied Physics.

➤ He has strong research Collaboration with various organisations from USA, Canada and Australia. He has completed 8 funded projects, from leading funding agencies of this Country, including DST, UGC, CSIR, DOD, APMDC-DMRTUF, MoES, ISRO and ONGC.

➤ He got huge consultancy projects from ONGC, namely:

1. Studies on Holocene Evolution of Mahanadi Delta,

2. Studies on Land Subsidence due to Hydrocarbon exploration and exploitation at KG-PG Basin, AP using Remote Sensing and Field studies.

➤ He has a vast experience in administration. He held various administrative positions:

1. Director for Information Management Centre, Andhra University, Visakhapatnam, AP

2. Dean for PG & Professional Examinations, Andhra University, AP

3. Director for International Students Affairs- Andhra University

4. Director for Delta studies Institute- Andhra University

5. Chairman for Board of Studies, Dept. of Geosciences, Ambedkar University, Srikakulam, AP

6. Head of the Department, Dept of Geology, Andhra University and many others.

➤ He has filed a patent titled "An Inventive Model that explains the Genesis of Bay of Bengal and Arabian Sea", which is under consideration.

➤ He got many awards and honours including "Dr Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan Award", "The Best academician award of the year 2019", by Andhra University.

➤ Awarded "Scientist of the year 2017", by National Environmental Science Academy (NESA), New Delhi.

- He was in Editorial board of Indian Journal of Environment and Eco planning
- He is the member of various professional scientific bodies of National and International repute.
- He is the NAAC assessor and many more...
- He is a member in various boards of Selection Committees at National and State level.
- His earlier selections include UPSC Civil Services-Group B service-UPSC Exam in 1985, UPSC Geologists examination, all India 11<sup>th</sup> rank in 1983. Because of his passion for teaching, he is in teaching life.
- His Vision is to see that Adikavi Nannaya University should be the International Institute of Choice for education, Research, training and consultancy.

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**Prof. Mokka Jagannadha Rao**  
Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor,  
Adikavi Nannaya University  
Rajamahendravaram

**Topic : Covid-19 and the Environment  
- Observations of a Geologist.**



**Prof. Scott Slovic**  
Distinguished Professor of Environmental Humanities  
University of Idaho, USA  
Founder President of ASLE

**Topic : Eco-criticism in the time of COVID-19: Why  
and How to practice the Environmental  
Humanities during a Pandemic**

Date : 20-07-2020  
Time : 9.00 A.M Onwards

Registration  
FREE

Mode of Delivery  
Microsoft Teams

Valedictory Address

**Prof. Ganga Rao Battu**  
Registrar  
Adikavi Nannaya University  
Rajamahendravaram



For Registration

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*\* It is advised to login from 8.30 A.M onwards to avoid the last minute rush in being allowed by the host.*

- # Participants are supposed to have a Laptop or Smartphone with Internet Facility.
- # Participants will be provided with E-Certificates

Convenors



**Dr. Kotti Sree Ramesh**  
Professor of English & Principal  
University College of Arts & Commerce



**Dr. Jyothirmal Dakkumalla**  
Associate Professor & Head  
Department of English

## **PROGRAM SHEET**

1. Inviting the guests & Welcome note 9.30 to 9.35am - **Dr. D. Jyothirmai**  
(Convener & Head, Department of English, AKNU)
2. Opening remarks &  
Introducing Prof. Scott Slovic 9.36 to 9.40 am - **Prof. K Sree Ramesh**  
(Principal, UCAC, AKNU)
3. First Session by 9.40 to 10.20 am - **Prof. Scot Slovic**  
(Distinguished Professor of Environmental Humanities University of Idaho & Founder President of ASLE)
4. **Time for Interaction with Prof. Scott Slovic – 10.21 to 10.45 am**
5. Introducing Prof. M Jagannadha Rao 10.46 to 10.50 am - **Dr. D Jyothirmai**  
(Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor)
6. Second Session 10.51 to 11.30 am - **Prof. Mokka Jagannadha Rao**  
(Professor of Geology & Hon'ble Vice – Chancellor Adikavi Nannaya University)
7. **Time for Interaction with Prof. Mokka. Jagannadha Rao -11.31 to 11.50 am**
8. **Valedictory Address: - Prof. K. S. Ramesh 11.50am to 12.00 pm**

## **LECTURE I DETAILS:**

**ECOCROTICISM IN THE TIME OF COVID-19: WHY AND HOW TO PRACTICE THE ENVIRONMENTAL HUMANITIES DURING A PANDEMIC –by Prof. Scot Slovic**

## **ABSTRACT:**

The lecture is divided into four parts:

1) Trends in English Studies, especially in the Environmental Humanities; The first part will offer a brief history of the field and point to a few major efforts in ecocriticism today, including the idea of “going public” (reaching out to new, non-academic audiences) and

empirical ecocriticism (using social science methodologies to test the impacts of environmental texts).

2) COVID World, COVID Mind (my recent article on how COVID might change the way we think about our lives); the recent cluster of Environmental Humanities responses to COVID-19 on the Swedish website *Bifrost Online*; and finally a brief discussion of the open letter titled “An Environmental Humanities Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic.” The second part will highlight four specific ways of thinking that might enable us to be a more resilient species as we move forward through and possibly beyond the pandemic.

3) Part three will provide an overview of the cluster of environmental humanities articles published on *Bifrost* in June, demonstrating various aspects of how the Environmental Humanities can help us rethink who we are and how we live in relation to the planet, especially during the pandemic.

4) And the final part of the talk focuses on lifestyle changes among scholars that might result from what we’re learning during the pandemic. These suggestions are articulated in the open letter mentioned above.

## **LECTURE II DETAILS:**

COVID-19 AND THE ENVIRONMENT – OBSERVATIONS OF A GEOLOGIST by  
Prof. Mokka. Jagannadha Rao

### **ABSTRACT:**

**The lecture is focused on providing the fundamental knowledge of geology to all the participants while explaining how gradually the earth is tuned to be anthropocentric. (incomplete)**

**NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS: 188**

**PUBLICATIONS OF THE SEMINAR/CONFERENCE: NA**

**EXTERNAL FUNDING: Nil**



### **OUTCOME OF THE EVENT:**

Participants are enlightened:

- about the need of a comprehensive knowledge of both sciences and humanities in taking up research projects for the continuous existence of human race.
- To realize the need to come out of the existing man centered world and to take care of the nature to avoid the pandemics like COVID-19 in future
- To develop sensibility to nurture the nature here after instead of taking from it always
- That Nature is man and man is nature
- That nature provides for the need of the humans but not for their greed
- To realize that man is not supreme in front of Nature.

### **FEEDBACK REPORT:**

A content based feedback form is developed with ten questions each for the two speakers. A minimum score of 75 % is fixed for the generation of an automatic e-certificate. On the whole out of 188 participants only 116 could secure the required score and received certificates. The colloquium attracted different types of participants as detailed below:

<b>Sl.No.</b>	<b>Type of Participants</b>	<b>Percentage of Participants</b>
<b>1.</b>	<b>Faculty</b>	<b>78%</b>
<b>2.</b>	<b>Research Scholars</b>	<b>6%</b>
<b>3.</b>	<b>Students</b>	<b>12%</b>
<b>4.</b>	<b>School Teachers</b>	<b>3%</b>

Both the speakers received an overwhelming positive feedback of 98% for the content, clarity, relevance and being informative in the Lectures delivered. The content based feedback brought out the need to organize a webinar on “Ecocriticism” as 63% of the participants opined that, this topic is the toughest of all that were referred to, by Prof. Scot Slovic.

**E-CERTIFICATE:**



**PHOTO GALLERY WITH CAPTIONS AND PAPER CLIPPINGS:**

## పర్యావరణహితంగా జీవించాలి: నన్నయ వీసీ

దివాన్‌చెరువు, జూలై 20: మానవులు పర్యావరణ హితంగా జీవించాలని, లేకపోతే ముప్పు తప్పదని ఆదికవి నన్నయ వీసీ జగన్నాథరావు అన్నారు. ఇంగ్లీషు విభాగం ఆధ్వర్యంలో 'ఎన్విరాన్‌మెంట్ హ్యూమనిటీస్' అంశంపై సోషు వారం అంతర్జాతీయ పర్సుపల్ కోలో క్వియమ్ నిర్వహించారు. కొవిడ్-19, పర్యావరణంపై భూవిజ్ఞాన శాస్త్రజ్ఞుని పరిశీలన' అంశంపై వీసీ మాట్లాడుతూ భూమిపై చివరి దశ జీవరాశిగా ఉద్భవించిన మానవుడు తన స్వార్థంతో, అభివృద్ధి పేరుతో భూ వినాశనానికి పాల్పడుతున్నాడన్నారు. కొవిడ్ వంటి మహమ్మారులు మానవ తప్పిదాల వల్లే విజృంభిస్తున్నాయన్నారు. కరోనా నేర్పిన గుణపాఠాన్ని మానవజాతి తరతరాలకు గుర్తుపెట్టుకోవాలన్నారు. భూమి కేవలం మానవుల సొత్తు మాత్రమే కాదని... సకల జీవకోటికి ధరణి నివాసమని చెప్పారు. మానవులకు, మానవేతర జీవులకు భూవనరులు అవసరమని గుర్తు చేశారు. పర్యావరణాన్ని రక్షిస్తూ పర్యావరణహితంగా జీవించాలని సూచించారు. ప్రకృతికి మనం మంచి చేస్తే ప్రకృతి మనకు మంచి భవిష్యత్తునిస్తుందన్నారు. యూఎస్‌ఎకు చెందిన ఇడాహో యూనివర్సిటీ శాస్త్రవేత ఆచార్య కాట్ స్టోవిక్ వివిధ అంశాలను వివరించారు. సదస్సులో కన్నీనర్లు కొట్టి శ్రీరమేష్ డి.జ్యో తిర్మయి, రిజిస్ట్రార్ ఆచార్య టి.గంగారావు, ప్రీన్సిపాల్స్ కె.రమణేశ్వరి, వి.పెర్నిస, ఈసీ సభ్యులు టి.అశోక్, టి.జగన్మోహన్‌రెడ్డి తదితరులు పాల్గొన్నారు.

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