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Dear Friends,

The UGC-Academic Staff College, Bharathiar University in association with the U.S. Consulate, Chennai are jointly organizing the "40th Annual Conference of the Indian Association for American Studies (IAAS)" at the Bharathiar University Campus, Coimbatore from 11 - 13 August, 2010. We have immense pleasure in inviting the Academia to participate in the Conference.

About the Conference

The Conference offers a common platform for those scholars interested in the field of American studies to share their ideas and views.

The Conference will focus on the following thrust areas.

Literature

- Immigrant Voices in American Literature
- Afro-American Criticism
- Native American Literature
- Beyond Post-Modernism
- Pop Music
- American Films
- Significance of American Literary Icons
- Science Fiction
- Gender and Ethnicity in American Literature
- LGBTQ Literature
- American Transcendentalism
- Children's Literature
- Fantasy Literature

Political Science

- Democratic Experiments in USA and India
- Indian-Americans in the American political system
- New International order and the role of USA and India
- Indo-US relations in the 21st Century
- Terrorism and other International Security issues
- Influence of Gandhi in India and USA
- Multiculturalism
- Ethnic minority movements

History

- Emerging Trends in Indo-US Relations
- Relevance of the International Organizations
- History of American foreign policy
- Economic History of America
- America and Her Peace Initiatives
- Social Movements
- Ethnic Minority Movements
- Sixty years of Indo-American Co-operation
- Quantitative History in USA
- History and Development of Science and Technology in USA

General

- Obama's Agenda
- Economic Recession
- Social welfare measures in USA and India
- Disaster management in USA and India
- International Co-operation on Climate Change
- Globalization and Indian/ US Economy

These apart, papers on any other aspects of American History, Politics, Economics Literature, Culture, Social and Civilization are also welcome.

Call for Papers

The abstract of papers in about 200-250 words must reach the organizers on or before 25th July 2010 by email (buasc2006@rediffmail.com) as per the following specifications: MS-Word Format, 12 point Times New Roman Font and 1.5 Line spacing. The papers should be in the latest MLA style and may be restricted to about 12-15 pages of double spaced typing in A4 size. Full papers must be submitted at the time of presentation, preferably both soft and hard copies. Papers related to American studies alone will be accepted for presentation and publication.

Best papers will be considered for the Olive I. Reddick, Edwin Gilmour and Prof. A.P. Rana Awards.

IAAS: Genesis

Indians' interest in American studies owes its genesis to the Fulbright and Smith-Mundt programmes. Soon after independence, Dr. Olive I. Reddick, the Director of the United States Educational / Foundation in India (USEFI), in the fifties and sixties, organized seminars with a view to establish and promote the American studies in India. In the summer of 1963, to be precise, USEFI held a workshop in Mussoorie for the benefit of Indian academics. It resulted in the emergence of a professional body called Indo-American History Congress. The first meeting of I.A.H.C. was held in Hyderabad to coincide with the inauguration of the American Studies Research Centre. Two years later I.A.H.C. was renamed "American History Congress in India" and a formal Constitution was adopted.

The primary aim of the Congress was to encourage and to facilitate the study and teaching of research in the field of American history. Consequently, the academics in political science and literature were left out. Thus, its nomenclature had to be changed and the Indian Association for American Studies was born. The foremost objective of the IAAS as stated in its Constitution is to promote research and teaching of American Studies (History, Politics, Government, Literature and Sociology). It was registered under the Registration of Societies Act, 1860, in July, 1985, in Bombay. Simultaneously, the IAAS Trust was also registered under the Charities Act. The IAAS, in its Fifth decade of existence, has been endeavouring to grow and change to meet the academic needs and requirements of its members.

Host Institution: Bharathiar University

Bharathiar University was established at Coimbatore in February 1982 by the Govt. of Tamilnadu under the provisions of the Bharathiar University Act 1981 (Act I of 1982). The university, located at the foothills of Maruthamalai, has been named after the great visionary and revolutionary national poet Subramaniya Bharathi and its jurisdiction spreads over the districts of Coimbatore, Erode, Tirupur and The Nilgiris. With its exquisitely beautiful locale and a lush green area of 1000 acres, the University has a serene atmosphere for learning, located at a distance of 15kms from the Railway Station and 20 kms from the International airport. It is an affiliating University with 101 colleges under its umbrella. The University has 36 departments in the campus under 12 schools apart from a school of distance education and DRDO-BU centre for Life Sciences. In addition to the academic attraction, we are sure that the sylvan, pollution free and nature-rich Bharathiar University Campus will feed your aesthetic sense too. Yet another special feature of this University is that it is situated in the Western Ghats, which is known for its exquisiteness, flora and fauna and grandeur appearance.

Host City: Coimbatore

Coimbatore is an eminent cosmopolitan city in peninsular India. The city is the natural gateway to Kerala and The Nilgiris. Thanks to the salubrious weather along with black cotton soil, several modern textile mills came up in Coimbatore and this city became the Manchester of South India. Coimbatore is an important advanced centre for health services. The restaurants are legendary and so are the sweetmeat shops. It is a city with some of the most reputed educational institutions in the country. At present, there are 6 different Universities functioning at Coimbatore offering excellent facilities for higher education and research. The weather in Coimbatore during August is pleasant temperature is around 25°C.

From here, within a radius of about 100 kms there are some places of tourist attraction. Ooty, the queen of hill stations is just about 90 kms away. Topslip, the Anamalais and the Munnar are about 60-70 kms away. The famous Guruvayoor Temple is 100 kms away from this city. For those inclined spiritually, the internationally renowned Isha foundation is located just within 15 kms of the city. There are other such centers like the Vedadri Maharishi Ashram. In fact, much is there to be seen in and around Coimbatore and you are warmly invited to enjoy the pleasures of the academic, climatic, spiritual and scenic beauty of Coimbatore.

Registration

Registration Fee:
 Outstation delegates : Rs.500/-
 Local delegates : Rs.250/-

** The D.D. should be drawn in favour of "The Organizing Secretary, IAAS-2010," payable at Coimbatore.

Please register yourself with organizers on or before 25th July 2010.

Deliberations

The conference will have Plenary Sessions, Paper Presentation Sessions and Panel Discussions. *The official language of the conference will be English.* Provision will be made for the use of standard presentation tools for the convenience of the paper presenters.

Accommodation

Modest accommodation will be provided free of cost to the registered outstation participants. But, they have to make prior request in this regard. Request has to be made to the Organizing Secretary on or before 25th July 2010.

For details please Contact

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Registration Form

Name :

Sex : Male / Female

Designation :

Institution :

Mailing Address :

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Phone : Official:Resi.:

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E-mail :

Nature of Participation : Paper Presenter / Participant only

Accommodation Required : Yes / No

Title of the Paper :

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Signature

Date: