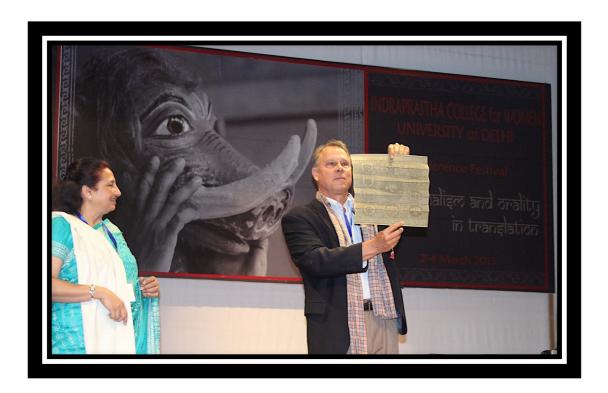
Indraprastha College for Women, University of Delhi, New Delhi, India

Confest

Plurilingualism and Orality in Translation

2-4 March 2015

The Translation and Translation Studies Centre was inaugurated with a 3-day long international conference festival or ConFest on 'Plurilingualism and Orality in Translation'. Focussing specially on the significance of oral traditions and the osmotic nature of transaction between languages in the field of translation, the event was conceptualised to engage with multiple forms and modalities of expression. It included academic paper presentations, film screenings, concerts, exhibitions, discussions, etc. Erudite scholars like Judy Wakabayashi, M. Asaddudin, Roma Chatterji, D. Venkat rao, Edwin Gentzler, Siri Nergaard, Anamika, among others, engaged in stimulating academic discussions. Some of the most impactful performances included Mahmood Farooqui's *Dastangoi*, Anurupa Roy's *Katkatha*, and *Malini Awasthi ki* Pathshala. The first volume of *Code*, Student Journal of Translation on the theme of 'Code Mixing: Hindi and English' was also released by a panel of eminent international scholars.



Concept Note



Moving from ortho-centric traditions and the notion of original texts, to cultures of memory and orality problematizes the idea and act of translation. The circulation of texts in a social climate of mass illiteracy adds further complexity to the question of how texts travel. The Conference-Festival foregrounds two issues: firstly, the nature of *oral translation in cultures* and traditions of orality, and secondly *plurilingualism* and the role of translation in plurilingual cultures.

For too long Translation Studies has ignored the presence and importance of oral traditions in creating a translated text. Orality is present in all kind of translations. Translation Studies must thus contend with *orality* and *plurilingualism*. As far as plurilingualism is concerned, the Western tradition based on linguistic difference in terms of national difference, still dominates in Translation Studies, and needs to be challenged and transcended.

The reality of translation, both in the West and the East in our globalized world, needs to be represented and studied with theoretical and methodological tools that take into consideration plurilingualism at a variety of levels: the internet, global cultures, diaspora communities, arts, tourism, just to name a few. As a consequence of the inclusion of these two issues, traditionally relegated more to interpreting studies than to translation studies, is that we envision the bridging of the divide between these two areas, since the practices of translation and interpreting are more intertwined than we care to admit.

The event itself will signal this wider and more open perspective towards translation and will be organized as a "ConFest"-Conference and Festival together—since different forms of expression will be included: academic papers will be presented together with performances, films, music, exhibitions, debates and round-table discussions.

Situating the conference in Delhi is a strategic choice and with this location the organizers want to underscore the importance of going beyond traditional Western perspectives to achieve the goal of inclusion of the perspectives presented above. The ConFest will showcase how in this geographical region orality translates into polysemiotic representations.

Translation through the perspectives of plurilingualism and orality thus will not be limited to literature and literary texts, but will include expressions and acts of artists and artisans in the interpretative act of translation of the literary and the non-literary.



March 2, 2015

Venue: Auditorium

Session I: 9:30 am to 10:45 am.

Welcome Address by the Principal, Dr. Babli Moitra Saraf.

Introductory Remarks

Keynote Address:

Prof. Judy Wakabayashi, Department of Modern and Classical Language Studies, Kent State University, USA

10:45 am: Tea Break

Session II: 11:15 am to 01:00 pm Travelling Texts: Theory and Practice

Chair: Prof. Judy Wakabayashi

Christi A. Merril, University of Michigan, USA.

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Dastangoi Performance: Directed by Mahmood Farooqi.

1:00 pm: Lunch

Session III: 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm Voices from the Grassroots

Chair: Prof. Asaduddin

Dr. Chandrani Chatterjee, Savitribai Phule Pune University

Translating Noise: Re-thinking the Journey of Sounds/Music of the Everyday.

Mahesh Sharma, The English and Foreign Languages University, Hyderabad. Performing the 'Dead': (Un) Translatability of Death Rituals and Alternative Discourse

Sanjukta Naskar, Janki Devi Memorial College, University of Delhi.

Interpreting Translated Indian Folktales in the Nineteenth Century

3:30 pm: Performance by Anuroopa Group

4:00 pm: Tea

Documentary Screening: AV Room 11.30 am onwards *Ek thi Gulab*



March 3, 2015

Venue: Auditorium

Session I: 10:00 am to 11:00 am.

Introductory Remarks.

Keynote Address:

Prof. Roma Chatterji, Department of Sociology, University of Delhi.

11:00 am: Tea Break

Session II: 11:15 am to 12:30 pm Translation across genres-Theatre, Music and Visual Arts

Chair: Prof. Roma Chatterji

Kanchuka Dharmasiri, University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka. Translating with Bodies and Sounds: The Multilayered Translational Process in Theatre Practice

Michael M. Coroza, Ateneo De Manila University, Philippines.

Sailing-Awit (Song Translation): "An-Other Life" of a song in the Philippine Oral Tradition

Rekha Sethi, Indraprastha College for Women, University of Delhi.

Beyond Lingual Boundaries...

12:30 pm: Performance by Malini Awasthi.

2:00 pm: Lunch

Session III: 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm Myths in Contemporary Context Chair: Dr. Poonam Trivedi

Muditha Dharmasiri, University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka.

The realm of Hades and Contemporary Sri Lankan Society, Lokanthara

Harshbala Sharma,

Indraprastha College for Women, University of Delhi

Bahubhashikta aur Ramayana: Anuvad, Rupantaran, Kalpantaran aurKayantaran

4:00 pm: Tea

City Tour for outstation delegates

Documentary Screening: AV Room 11.30 am onwards Man and Mask/Mahakumbh



March 4, 2015

Venue: Auditorium

Session I: 10:00 am to 11:00

Introductory Remarks

Keynote Address:

Prof. D. Venkat Rao,

Department of English Literature, The English and Foreign Languages University, Hyderabad.

11:00 am: Tea Break

Session II: 11:15 am to 1:00 pm Transcending National Boundaries

Chair: Molly Kaushal, IGNCA, New Delhi

Edwin Gentzler, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, USA.

International Faust

Siri Nergaard, University of

Multilingualism, Orality and Translation: In search of a Comprehensive model for Post-

Dr. Babli Moitra Saraf,

Principal, I.P College for Women, University of Delhi.

1:00 pm: Lunch

Session III: 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm Orality in Translation

Chair: Anamika

Ayesha Abrar, Jamia Millia Islamia.

Masnads, Kabuliwallahs and Fakirs: Translating the Travelling Cultures of Orality

Priti Prakash Prajapati, Lady Shri Ram College for Women, University of Delhi.

Aadhunik Hindi Kavita Ka Saangitik Rupantaran: Sampreshan Ki Navin Sambhavnayen

Shubhada Bhakey-Kaul, Jamia Millia Islamia. Bahinaa Bai Choudhari

Pramod Tiwari, Gujarat Central University.

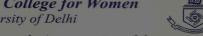
Anek Ilakon ke Sadho Ko Sadhte Kabir

3.30 pm Valedictory

4:00 pm: High Tea

Documentary Screening: AV Room 11.30 am onwards *Brihidiswara*

Indraprastha College for Women University of Delhi



cordially invites you to the inauguration of the

Translation and Translation Studies Centre

on Sunday, 1 March 2015 at 5.00 pm

by

Sh. Narain Prasad Chairman, Governing Body

Panel Discussion:

Sh. Leeladhar Mandloi, Director, Bharatiya Jnanpith Prof. H.S. Shivaprakash, Jawaharlal Nehru University Dr. Sukrita Paul Kumar, University of Delhi

The event will be followed by a student performance and dinner

Dr. Babli Moitra Saraf Principal

