



International Conference on

Environmental Justice
Culture, Resistance and Ethics



24 & 25 March 2017

at

**Dr. K. N. Modi University
Newai, Tonk, Rajasthan, India**



Concept Note

“Environmental Justice initiatives specifically attempt to redress the disproportionate incidence of environmental contamination in communities of the poor and/or communities of colour, to secure for those affected the right to live unthreatened by the risks posed by environmental degradation and contamination, and to afford equal access to natural resources that sustain life and culture.” – Joni Adamson, Mei Mei Evans & Rachel Stein, Introduction to *The Environmental Justice Reader: Politics, Poetics, & Pedagogy*

Discoursing the politics of environmental justice, Gordon Walker asks two primary questions: “Are the benefits of access to green space for all, or only for some? Do powerful voices dominate environmental decisions to the exclusion of others?” Both the questions would lead to a unanimous answer “yes” as the environment should be accessed by all people and decisions should not favour one or a few communities. There are number of environmental issues that we could identify locally and globally. If we analyse these issues we would realise that the basis of all these issues is denial of rights/access to their respective environments. Thus environmental justice is not merely an environmental problem; it is also a social, political, cultural and economic problem. To take the discussion further we might want to ask pertinent questions as: “Is it just to serve a single justice to all ecocultures, considering the peculiarities and cultural differences of cultural communities? Are some communities often deprived of their environmental rights?” These questions would initiate discussions on diversity, naturecultures, and peculiarities of every cultural community. David Schlosberg’s words—Cultural recognition is central in the struggle for environmental justice—are particularly relevant in this context.

The conference aims to recognize ecological spaces denied to cultural communities across the world and theorize them by understanding the ethics, justices and injustices involved. The conference will be a pioneering one in the academic area of Environmental Justice in India. The conference will create scholarship in all disciplines which will be a collective and collaborative effort. This discourse will encourage researchers and scholars to work in this upcoming and most relevant area and would help them launch courses and programmes.

Subthemes

Environmental Justice, Land, Water and Air
Environmental Justice and Food
Environmental Justice and Poverty
Environmental Justice, Energy, Development and Governance
Environmental Justice, Race, Caste, Indigeneity and Gender
Environmental Justice and Climate
Environmental Justice and Memory
Environmental Justice and Texts (literary and cultural)
Representation of Environmental Justice in Media
Politics of Environmental Justice
Policies on Environmental Justice
Ethics of Environmental Justice
Philosophy of Environment
Environmental Justice in Ecofilms/ecoart



Call for Papers

Abstracts not exceeding 300 words should be copied to the filled in registration form (only on M.S. word document) and emailed to ecoethicsconference@gmail.com and humanities@dknmu.org before 08 January 2017 for acceptance. The contributors will be informed of the acceptance of the abstract by 22 January 2017. Full papers, not exceeding twelve pages (4000-5000 words) and typed in single space in A4 following MLA style sheet, should be submitted by 28 February 2017. Kindly note that a maximum of 100 papers will be selected for presentation. Selected papers may be published in the form of a book, preferably with an International publisher.

Registration

The delegates who would like to attend and present a paper in the conference will be charged a registration fee.

Delegate Registration (with accommodation): Rs.5000

Delegate Registration (without accommodation): Rs.3500

(Note: Employed research scholars belong to the above category)

Fulltime Student Registration (with accommodation): Rs.4000

Fulltime Student Registration (without accommodation): Rs.3000

Foreign Delegate: 100 US Dollars

(The registration fee covers the conference kit, lunch and tea for two days and participation in all sessions including the film screenings.)

Conference Fellowship

A few delegates (applicable to only Research Scholars) will be awarded a Fellowship to present their original paper in the conference assessing the quality of it. A separate certificate stating the award of the fellowship will be given to the delegate. The fellowship will also include a considerable fee waiver. The Research Scholar should apply for the fellowship while submitting his/her abstract. The Conference Fellows will be intimated before 28 February 2017.

Mode of Payment

Payment shall be by DD in favour of “Dr. K.N. Modi University, Newai” payable at Newai, or through online money transfer (NEFT). The details for paying your registration through NEFT are as follows:

Name of the Account Holder: Dr. K. N. Modi University

Name of the Bank: ICICI Bank

Branch Address: Bada, Bazar, Newai, Tonk District

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Accommodation

Accommodation to paper presenters will be arranged on request. Please note that the rooms will be allotted on sharing basis. Kindly note that there are only limited rooms and so it will be made available only on a first-come-first-served basis.

About Dr. K. N. Modi University

Dr. K. N. Modi University, a State Government enacted, UGC approved Private University, situated on a sprawling 45 acres campus with sylvan surroundings is situated at Newai in the Tonk district of Rajasthan. It is being managed by Dr. K. N. Modi Foundation, whose Founder, Dr. Kedar Nath Modi, was a doyen in contributing to the cause of the society and a pioneer in establishing educational institutions to offer quality and value based education – primary to higher levels of professional education – in the background of his committed belief, “Education Builds the Nation.”

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Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, Dr. K. N. Modi University

Interdisciplinary in orientation, the department currently offers courses in Economics, English Literature and Linguistics, Philosophy, Psychology and Sociology. It is in this respect that we feel particularly well-equipped to contribute to a science, arts and ethics dialogue across cultural and transcultural boundaries.

Original contributions to research and to ongoing debates in ethics, cultural anthropology, critical theory, cognition, ideology, development policy, organizational behaviour and economic activity, environmental and gender studies, the history of science and technology, the philosophy of culture, and indeed to the nature of theory itself are crucial in a department like ours.

Important Dates

Deadline for Abstract Submission:	08 January 2017
Abstract acceptance intimation:	22 January 2017
Deadline for Registration:	28 February 2017
Deadline for Paper Submission:	28 February 2017

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(Only papers written by a single person will be awarded the Fellowship. The author should be the paper presenter.)

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The award will be purely on academic basis.

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