

One-Day INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON

“REVISIONING & REWRITING HERSELF:

An Exploration of Women’s Writings”

The Department of English, Loyola College

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The Department of English at Loyola College, Chennai hosted an International Conference on “Revisioning and Rewriting Herself: An Exploration of Women’s Writings” on 08th February 2019. This conference became a place of confluence for research scholars, students and teaching faculty from different parts of the country to exchange and share their scholarly findings on Revisioning and Rewriting of Women’s Writings.

The conference commenced with a welcome address delivered by Dr. Annam Ragamalika and the dynamics of the conference was presented by Prof. Pearline Paulraj. This was followed by felicitations from the Head of the Department, Dr. K. S. Antonysamy. He constructed the aura of the day with his inspiring reference to Mrs. Sudha Murthy, a woman behind the edifice of Infosys. The keynote address from Ruth Stotter, a professional storyteller, educator and author from California, USA followed his speech. She addressed the theme of the conference and recalled her college days, when they did not have a separate paper on Women’s literature. She made a remarkable key-note address about the development of women studies in the contemporary period. This was followed by a stimulating address by Dr. Claramma Jose, who voiced her 30 years of experience as a woman staff in a predominantly men’s college. The vote of thanks for the inaugural session was given Dr. Amala Arockia Raj.

Paper presentations followed the inaugural session. The paper presentations were moderated by the erudite senior professors in Loyola College namely, Dr. Joseph Chandra, Dr. Lazar Selvaraj, Dr. David Jayabalan and Prof. I.A.J. Jeyadoss. Around 40 presentations were made on that day. The main themes which dominated the paper presenting sessions include Cyber Feminism, Black Feminism, Diaspora and Feminism, Relationships within the Female Community, Anxieties faced by Women, Depression in Women, Conflict Between Passivity and Rebellion in Patricentric Universe, Women and Refugee crisis, Carl Jung's theory of Anima and Animus in Feminism, Feminism from Auto-ethnographical lens, etc.. At the end of paper presentations healthy discussions were held. The participants could discuss, connect and explore further research options.

The valedictory was made momentous by Dr. Ganesh, Head, Department of English, Madras Christian College. He gave a lucid lecture on Women's Writings down the ages and this conferred a fine finishing touch to the conference. His eloquent speech was followed by certificate distribution to the participants and the paper presenters of the conference. Prof. Julia Pradeepa gave the vote of thanks for the valedictory. All the happenings of this auspicious day were made possible by the enthusiastic support from the 1st and 2nd year Postgraduate students under the guidance of Prof. Pearline Paulraj and Dr. Annam Ragamalika.





