



ELTIF Online Lecture Series on Language, Literature and Cultural Studies

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On

Signposting a Turnaround for Poetry in the Language Classroom

English Language Teachers' Interaction Forum (ELTIF)

Born out of the felt needs of a group of village English teachers in north Kerala in 2003, ELTIF started functioning as a means of self empowerment, a radical alternative to the conventional training programme for teachers. By negating the roles of the “well-informed” trainer and the “ill-informed” trainee, the hundreds of ELTIF gatherings at the grassroot level firmly believed in **interaction among equals**, wherein the teaching-learning practices which “worked in my classroom” were shared among the participants, which included parents, as well.

ELTIF's holistic approach drew large numbers of parents to its programmes. The discussion of these practices eventually used to culminate in theorization at the annual national and international conferences of ELTIF. That is to say, the much-celebrated ‘bottom up’ model and the currently prevailing notion of ‘theorizing from the field’ have been in practice at ELTIF ever since its inception. We believe that, the mission of ELTIF –**Empowering rural India through English language education**– can be fulfilled only through such democratic practices. The professional quarterly publication **Journal of ELTIF** has been prompt in its production and distribution since 2010.

ELTIF Online Programmes: ELTIF has already launched a fortnightly online lecture programme with **Prof. N. Krishnaswamy's** inaugural lecture in the first week of November. The subsequent talks were delivered by **Prof. Roger Charles Nunn, Prof. Paul Gunashekar, Dr. E.V. Ramakrishnan, Prof. Z.N. Patil, Dr. Muraleedharan Tharayil, Dr. Jayanthasri Balakrishnan** and **Mr. Rajeevan Karal**. You are cordially invited to the 9th lecture by Dr. Sivakumar Sivasubramaniam.

Registration is FREE!

Date: Saturday, 27 February 2021

Time: 5.45 PM to 7.15 PM (IST)

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Certificates will be awarded for participation. Registrants will receive the Zoom link. Click here to register <https://forms.gle/ZSuzssq4s9R2AxWy8>