

UNESCO Chair in Vulnerability Studies  
Department of English  
SDG-Related Activities

<https://ucvulnerabilitystudies.uohyd.ac.in>

Activities

1. Short-term Program with the MMTTC, UoH, on 'SDGs, Precarity and literary Studies', July 2024.

**UGC-MMTTC**  
**UNIVERSITY OF HYDERABAD**  
In Collaboration with

**UNESCO Chair in Vulnerability Studies**  
**Department of English**

**LITERARY STUDIES**

**SDGs**

**Short Term Online Program in**

**SDGs, Precarity and Literary Studies**

from  
*01st July to 06th July 2024*

**WHO CAN APPLY**

**Faculty and Research Scholars in**  
**Literary Studies**

**Last Date to Apply- 30th June 2024**

*About the programme*

This short-term online program is situated at the intersection of Literary Studies and the UN's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). With their now-seemingly impossible deadline of 2030 for fulfillment, the UN SDGs have figured, informed and been anticipated in literary texts across cultures. Literature, like the SDGs themselves, enables the making and remaking of social imaginaries towards a juster, fairer and cleaner planet. The program foregrounds 'precarity' as a particular approach to the SDGs, where domains such as gender equality or climate action have been represented in literature as being in crisis but also, in literary texts as sites of embattled states of being, revisionism and reimagining. The STP will demonstrate how Literature at large can be read for and via the SDGs.

**Speakers :**

- Ira Raja, University of Delhi
- Cecilia Åsberg, Linköping University
- Sundhya Walther, University of Manchester
- Karen Gabriel, St Stephen's College
- Daidre Byrne, University of South Africa
- Aajit Datta, SRM-AP
- VK Karthika, NIT Trichy
- Vidya Sarveswaran, Pondicherry University
- Avishek Parul, IIT Madras
- Chantelle Bayes, Southern Cross University, Australia
- Sharae Deekard, University College Dublin, Ireland
- Saradindu Bhattacharya, UoH
- Anna Kurian, UoH
- Pramod K Nayar, UoH

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**\* Apply Here - <https://forms.gle/F6G9wFVYd3MA3veN8>**

2. Collaborative bootcamp with UNESCO's South-South University Cooperation Network on Greening with Science Technology and Innovation', Aug-Nov 2024.



## SUCN-Greening with STI Bootcamp

Language : English

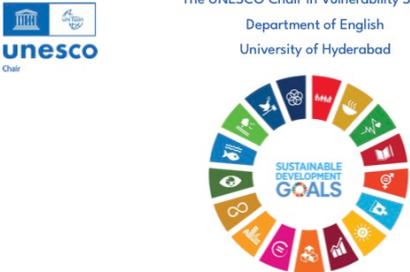


3. Faculty Development Program, in collaboration with NIT Trichy, on ‘Cultural Vulnerability’ (SDG 4,16,17)

   <p>DEPARTMENT OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES <b>National Institute of Technology Tiruchirappalli</b></p> <p><i>in association with</i></p> <p>THE UNESCO CHAIR IN VULNERABILITY STUDIES <b>University of Hyderabad</b></p> <p><i>One Week Online Faculty Development Programme</i> <b>Researching Cultural Vulnerability: Concepts, Contexts, and Challenges</b></p> <p><b>27<sup>th</sup> January 2025 – 1<sup>st</sup> February 2025</b></p>	<p><b>National Institute of Technology (NIT), Tiruchirappalli</b></p> <p>National Institute of Technology, Tiruchirappalli (NIT Trichy) founded in 1964 is a public technical and research university in Tamil Nadu, India. It is one of India's oldest technical universities and is located at Tiruchirappalli in a campus of 800 acres. The university is recognized as an Institute of National Importance by the Government of India. The university focuses exclusively on science, technology, engineering, management, architecture and humanities. National Institutional Ranking Framework ranked the university 1<sup>st</sup> among the NITs in India in 2024. Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry named the university as the "University of the Year" in 2017. The university has academic and research collaborations with universities and research centres in India and abroad including the United States and the United Kingdom and is undergoing accelerated growth through the World Bank-funded Technical Education Quality Improvement Program (TEQIP).</p> <p><b>Department of Humanities &amp; Social Sciences</b></p> <p>The Department of Humanities and Social Sciences has been in existence since 2004. The department is known for independent interdisciplinary research and for a dynamic collaboration between faculty and students. To meet the existing demands of industry, business, public and private organizations, academic and human services, the department has constantly striven for a practical curriculum with a high degree of professional relevance, enabling students to face real-time challenges. Accordingly, the department has been offering a wide range of core and elective courses to undergraduates and graduates. The department has been offering a full-fledged Ph.D. program since 2004 and has produced quality research work in newer areas of Humanities and Social Sciences. Recognizing the growing demand for humanities-based courses, the department also offers minor degree courses in Economics and in Language/Literature. In 2020, the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences started an MA programme in English Language and Literature. Faculty in the department are committed teachers engaged in continuous research in niche areas like Language and Genetics, Health Humanities, Gender Studies, Cultural Studies, English and Employability Skills, Critical Pedagogy and Aviation English.</p>
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4. Lecture Series: The Literature of Sustainability: Reading, Writing and the SDGs, Feb-Nov. 2025. Also available as OERs on the Chair site.

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The Literature of Sustainability: Reading, Writing and the SDGs  
February 2025 - December 2025

**SDG 1:** (28 Feb) Joseph Entin (Brooklyn College, City U of New York, USA)  
**SDG 2:** (21 March) Miriam Mara (Arizona State U, USA)  
**SDG 3:** (25 April) Lucy Burke (Manchester Metropolitan U, UK)  
**SDG 4:** (25 July) Jesse Cordes Selbin (Gettysburg College, USA)  
**SDG 5:** (25 June) Bonnie Zare (Virginia Tech, USA)  
**SDG 6:** (4 July) Isabel Hofmeyr (U of Witwatersrand, SA), Charne Lavery (U of Pretoria, SA), Sarah Nuttall (U of Witwatersrand, SA)  
 (11 July) Balakrishna Pisupati (Head of Environment Policy, UNEP)  
**SDG 7:** (8 Aug) Stacey Balkan (Florida Atlantic U, USA)  
**SDG 8:** (12 Sep) Cindy Weinstein (CALTECH, USA)  
**SDG 9:** (24 Oct) Clare Pettitt (U of Cambridge, UK)  
**SDG 10:** (10 Oct) Nick Lu (Marist College, USA)  
**SDG 11:** (7 Nov) Christine Daigle (Brock U, Canada)  
**SDG 12:** (23 May) Elizabeth Carolyn Miller (U of California Davis, USA)  
**SDG 13:** (23 Sep) Jennifer Wenzel (Columbia U, USA)  
**SDG 14:** (29 Aug) Cecilia Åsberg (Linköping U, Sweden)  
**SDG 15:** (19 Sep) Sarah Bezan (University College Cork, Ireland)  
**SDG 16:** (14 Nov) Alfred J. López (Purdue U, USA)  
**SDG 17:** (28 Nov) Sean Cubitt (U of Melbourne, Australia)

Google Meet Link:  
<https://meet.google.com/ojm-twld-atg>



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## Collaborative Research/Consultancy

1. Academic Consultant for SPPU-Manthan project, 'Information Vulnerability in a Social Group' (SDG 5).
2. Collaborative project, with Saurabh Todariya, Human Sciences Research Center, IIIT-H, 'Narrativity, Care and Well-being: A Phenomenological Investigation on Health and Illness in Hospice Care' (SDG 3).

## Teaching

1. Online NPTEL/SWAYAM course, 'The Literature of Climate Crisis', Aug-Dec 2025 (SDG 4). [https://onlinecourses.nptel.ac.in/noc25\\_hs114/preview](https://onlinecourses.nptel.ac.in/noc25_hs114/preview)

## Publications

1. Pramod K Nayar. 'How to Include Artificial Bodies as Citizens'. *Social Inclusion* 12 (2024)
2. Pramod K Nayar. 'Covid 19: Inequality and Cultural Studies'. In SS Jodhka and B. Rehbein (eds) *Global Handbook of Inequality*. Springer 2024.
3. Anna Kurian. 'So Much more than Honour Killing: Reading *The Duchess of Malfi*'. *Radical Teacher* 132 (2025).

Books:

1. Pramod K Nayar. *Vulnerable Earth: The Literature of Climate Crisis*. Cambridge UP, 2024.

2. Pramod K Nayar. *Postcolonial Poetry and the Environment: Place, Precarity and Justice*. Bloomsbury, 2025.

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