

Humanities Lecture Series

The Department of HSS is pleased to host a talk by Dr. Nirmala Menon from IIT Indore on 2 April (Tuesday) as part of the Humanities Lecture Series.

Please find the talk details below:

Title: **Decolonizing Digital Humanities**
Speaker: **Dr. Nirmala Menon (Associate Professor, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, IIT Indore)**
Date: **2 April 2019 (Tuesday)**
Venue: **L-2, LHC**
Time: **12 noon**

Abstract: This talk will examine the emerging areas of research in Digital Humanities in India by an examination of the term “Digital Humanities” and its uneven and uncertain trajectory in the Indian research ecosystem. As with other systems around the world, DH in India is complex and contextual and each of us involved in the disciplinary practice encounter resistance and skepticism. Resistance to what is perceived as a deliberate distancing from the larger Humanities queries, skepticism about appropriating the rhetoric of STEM disciplines merely as a tool for greater legitimacy and validation. But of course DH is far more than a sum of its criticisms and skepticisms and the three panelists will address why it is imperative that the digital be harnessed, critiqued, deconstructed and dissected precisely so that the issues that Humanities scholars have been invested in continue to be at the centre of the development, deployment and dissemination of technology. Prof Nirmala Menon will discuss Decolonizing Knowledge Systems through Scholarly Publishing where she underscores the need to make knowledge productions multilingual and accessible to students and researchers in different parts of the country and the role of Open Access India in making education access a little less unequal than it is now. She will discuss IIT Indore’s Project KSHIP and some of the continuing challenges in launching the project.