

11th International Conference on Early Modern  
Literatures in North India  
August 3rd-5th, 2012  
Indian Institute of Advanced Study, Shimla  
ICEMLNI.org

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Dear Colleagues,

We are happy to announce that the 11th International Conference on Early Modern Literatures in North India (ICEMLNI) will be held on August 3rd-5th, 2012 at the Indian Institute of Advanced Study (IIAS), Shimla.

For the past thirty years, the ICEMNLNI has provided a space in which researchers and scholars of early modern devotional and literary traditions can share their current research and make connections across languages, regions, cultures and traditions.

The Conference-- which functions as a workshop for 'research in progress'-- seeks to explore the diverse literary and devotional cultures that existed simultaneously in North India by re-investigating distinctions and connections between vernacular and cosmopolitan languages, between the vernaculars themselves, and between the spheres of devotional and secular or 'courtly' literatures and practices. Papers thus span the gamut from textual criticism to performance and ritual studies, from theology to poetics, from lost texts to living traditions.

By convening conference at Shimla this year, the ICEMNLNI has gained both the benefit of partnering with the Indian Institute of Advanced Study, and the greater opportunity for interaction between Indian scholars and their counterparts abroad.

**PARTICIPATION AND CALL FOR PAPERS**

We are now inviting individual paper and panel submissions for the 2012 ICEMNLNI conference. Scholars who do not wish to present, but would like to attend, are also invited and may register here<<http://www.icemlni.org/REGISTRATION05A.html>>or

through the website.

**PROPOSAL DEADLINE:** January 16th, 2012

We are now inviting individual paper and panel submissions for the 2012 ICEMNL I conference. Although prospective participants are encouraged to apply as part of a panel, individual papers are most certainly welcome, and an attempt will be made to group individual papers into appropriate panels.

As the conference was originally conceived as a type of workshop for research in progress, papers are circulated a few weeks before the conference and presentations are generally short, leaving the maximum amount of time for discussion.

(Multimedia presentations are also welcome and appropriate facilities will be provided; participants are encouraged to mention any equipment requirements in their proposal.)

**PROPOSAL SUBMISSION:**

Please submit the attached form, including an abstract of no more than 300 words in MS Word or pdf format. If applying as part of a panel, please include the title of the panel in your abstract. If applying as an individual, please review the list of tentative panel topics to see if one or more panels might be an appropriate venue for your paper.

Please email your proposal to: [info@icemnli.org](mailto:info@icemnli.org)

Deadline for proposal submission: January 16th, 2012

Participants will be notified by January 31st, 2012 of their paper's acceptance and sent additional details on conference registration.

Accommodation and food will be provided by the IIAS at a nominal rate for the duration of the conference; details about room and board and their cost will be available soon. (Participants are also welcome to make their own arrangements for room and board outside the IIAS if they so choose.)

Registration fees (in Indian rupees):

Regular: Rs. 450

Student: Rs. 300

Participants are responsible for their own travel and other expenses.

WEBSITE: Please visit the conference website at [icemlni.org](http://icemlni.org)

QUESTIONS: If you have any questions regarding the conference, please contact us at [info@icemlni.org](mailto:info@icemlni.org)

PAPER PROPOSAL FORM:

11th International Conference on Early Modern Literatures in North India

August 3rd ? 5th, 2012

IIAS, Shimla

Paper Proposal Form

Name:

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University/Institute:

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Title/Position:

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Mailing address:

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Email address:

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Discipline/Area of specialization:

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Will you be requiring accommodation at the conference? Yes/No \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Paper:

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Panel (if applying as a panel, please write its name here; if applying independently, please write your preferred panel(s)):

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Abstract (Max. 300 words): [You may attach the abstract as a separate Word or pdf file if necessary.] Please send completed proposal in Word or pdf format to [info@icemlni.org](mailto:info@icemlni.org)