

DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH
EVENT 2021-2022

- DATE: 16/03/22
- TITLE : Special Online Extension Lecture titled Pablo Neruda : Myriad Expressions of Love
- PLATFORM : Googlemeet
- TIME : 5.30 pm
- PARTICIPANTS: 78
- The Department of English conducted an online extension lecture by Dr.Swati Mukerji, Associate Professor, Department of English, Gurudas College, Kolkata and Guest Faculty, P.G. section, Lady Brabourne College. Prof. Abu Farah Hoque, Assistant Professor, Department of English, hosted the lecture on behalf of the department. The Principal Dr.Sima Chakrabarti, delivered the inaugural address. She translated a poem by Neruda, "Tonight I Can Write", which has been incorporated in the undergraduate syllabus by the University of Calcutta. Sneha Paira, a student of the sixth semester read out the original Spanish version of the poem. The Head of the department Prof.Rita Chatterjee introduced the speaker for the session. Dr.Mukerji highlighted Neruda's role in injecting new vigour into Chilean Spanish poetry with his unorthodox treatment of cultural taboo and inhibitions. His aversion to "Nerudism" or the development of any cult around his figure, according to the speaker made him ironically famous in both popular and elite cultures. Dr.Mukerji highlighted the different phases of Neruda's poetic development and underlined how his poetry contested the vocabulary of traditional romantic literature. Focusing on the particular poem "Tonight I Can Write" the speaker argued not only how Neruda invoked nature, but also how he challenged orthodoxies in using natural imagery to celebrate love, the pain of separation and the very act of writing poetry. Following the lecture, the Principal, Dr. Chakrabarti recited a few of her poems. The interactive session was coordinated by faculty member Prof. Moumita Biswas, Assistant Professor Department of English. The overall online technicalities were managed by Dr. Chandrima Karmakar, Assistant Professor Department of English and Jt.Convenor of Webinar Committee. Prof. Saurav Dutta Mustafi, Assistant Professor, Department of Commerce monitored the online process.
- Attached below is the link to the recording of the entire session.
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