



**Department of English & Other Modern European Languages
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Weaving Relations: Poetry and People across Continents

The Department of English & Other Modern European Languages, Visva-Bharati, is proud to host Lionel Fogarty and Ali Cobby Eckermann, two internationally renowned indigenous poets from Australia, in course of a day-long literary and cultural meet to be held on 12 January 2014 and at the New Bhasha Bhavana Conference Room (First Floor, Room No.202) from 10 AM to 4 PM. Besides its own faculty and students, the Department hopes to involve a wide spectrum of artists, activists, performers, independent scholars and academics in what is slated to be a meeting of minds, arts and cultures. The meet will feature multiple forums for cultural sharing, including readings by the guest poets from their works of poetry, screening of a documentary on remote ethnic communities of Bengal, live musical performances by specially invited members of such communities and, above all, several interspersed sessions of moderated and spontaneous discussion about our individual and collective negotiations with politics and cultures from the many margins and the many centres and the many spaces in-between that together constitute history. Dr. Mridula Nath Chakraborty of the University of Western Sydney and Mr. Dheeman Bhattacharya of the Department of Comparative Literature, Visva-Bharati, two worthy academics with rich and long-standing experience of working and communicating with indigenous cultures, will coordinate the proceedings.

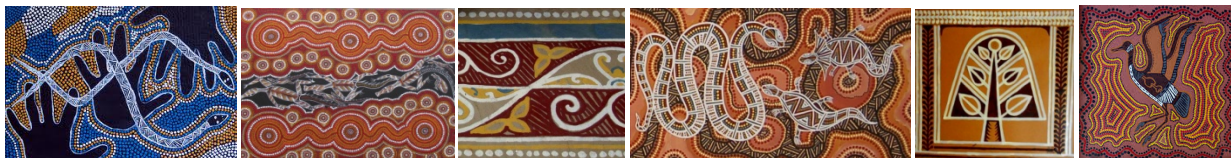
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Event Convenor

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Programme

- 10.00 Inaugural Song
- 10.05 Welcome Address and Presentation of Mementoes by Head of the Department
- 10.15 Tea
- 10.30 Poetry Reading by Lionel Fogarty. Chair: Sukla Basu Sen
- 11.00 Poetry Reading by Ali Cobby Eckermann Chair: Abhijit Sen
- 11.30 Introductory Remarks on Documentary *Vimukti*
Ruchira Gupta & Dheeman Bhattacharya
- 11.45 Screening of Documentary *Vimukti* (in Bangla with English subtitles, 56 mins 12 secs)
- 12.45 Presentations by
Prasanta Rakshit and Megnad Sabar (Sabar, Purulia), Sitaram Sikari and Jayanta (Birhor, Bagmudi, Purulia), Sibdas Lohar (Dhekaru, Rajnagar, Birbhum).
Discussants: Dheeman Bhattacharya
- 1.00 Lunch
- 2.00 Poetry Reading by Goutam Ghosal
Chair: Lionel Fogarty
- 2.30 Presentation by Sharmila Roy Pommot Chair: Ali Cobby Eckermann
- 3.15 Interaction moderated by Dr. Mridula Nath Chakraborty
- 3.30 Baul music by Sanghamitra Das
- 4.00 Valedictory Remarks S