Panel: Ecofeminism in South Asian Literature in a Digital Society

The term ecofeminism - a combination of ecology and feminism - is a stream of feminism that identifies and studies the connections between ecology (nature) and the female gender. This approach draws on the foundations of feminist equality between genders, providing a lens for critiquing patriarchal structures that work in conjunction with capitalist-led environmental degradation. Emphasising instinct and participation, ecofeminism promotes a commitment to environmentalism along with awareness of the structure of gender relations in society.

This panel will focus on the development of ecofeminist consciousness in Urdu literature, analysing modern writings by South Asian women that fall in this genre. The ecofeminist lens also allows us to return and reinterpret women’s literature, opening up important questions about the linkages between feminism and literary culture in contemporary South Asia.

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