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### About the University

Guru Ghasidas Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya, is a Central University of India, located in Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh State. The University has 9 schools and 32 departments offering Bachelors, Masters and Ph.D. programmes in various subjects. Located in an academically challenged region covering a vast Schedule V area, the university is committed to provide quality driven opportunities through access and equity on one hand and to bring itself on the international map by offering globally competitive research opportunities in the niche areas simultaneously.

### About the department

The Department of English and Foreign Languages has been endeavouring to provide the students a firm grounding in English studies in a very congenial atmosphere since its inception in 1990. A growing number of undergraduate students opt for English as their honours or elective subject every year. Students aspiring to obtain a post graduate degree in Literature in English get introduced to all the important aspects of literatures written in English. The teaching activity of the Department extends to other departments with the teaching of English and Communication skills to students of other departments as well. Teaching of English for Remedial English classes, and for competitive examinations is also undertaken by the department.

We have a team of dedicated and competent teachers who are quite accessible to students. The academic excellence of the faculty members reflects in the continuous publications and participation in national and international conferences and workshops. The teachers and students have also been presenting papers at International/ national seminars and conferences and have been appreciated. The number of our students clearing UGC NET has been increasing every year. Our recent activities include a workshop in English and communication skills and two GIAN courses under MHRD Scheme. The Department seeks to have further involvement in collaborations for teaching and research.

Our placement record is excellent, with most of our former students teaching in prestigious schools, colleges, and universities. In addition, many of our former students hold good positions in administration, media, animation and other diverse fields.

The department also runs diploma courses in French and German languages as add-on courses

### About Bilaspur

Bilaspur is the second largest city of importance in Chhattisgarh, It is known as judiciary (*Nayadhani*) and cultural (*Sanskardhain*) capital, rich in etiquette & hospitality. Ever since creation of Chhattisgarh, Bilaspur has progressed in leaps and bounds. This city has developed as a centre of education for Chhattisgarh. The place is a nice amalgamation of fast developing city and at the same time a region having natural beauty and spiritual importance.

### Route Direction

#### How to reach Bilaspur

By Train: Bilaspur is well connected by Railways/Road transport, and situated on the Mumbai -Nagpur-Howrah route of the Indian Railways. Another nearby station is Uslapur.

By Air: Nearest airport is at Raipur (Swami Vivekananda Airport) which is about 126 Km away from Bilaspur City.

How to reach the University from Bilaspur city:

The University is located at "Koni - Ratanpur Road" which is approximately 10 km from the railway station. Prepaid Autos are available at railway station with fare around Rs. 100. Bilaspur City buses are also regularly ply from Railway station to the University Main Gate. Bilaspur has Ola cab service too.



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**Concept Note:**

Nationalism and populism are very much related. Popular sovereignty is woven into the fabric of nationalism, which arose as a revolt against aristocratic and foreign rule. Whether nationalists bring power to the people, or merely use the people as a cloak to advance their own agenda, they draw on an ideology which considers foreign and elite interests to be illegitimate. Brexit, and the election of Trump to the American presidency shook western politics, opening up a new political cleavage between nationalist and globalist that cuts across traditional divides of left and right. In Russia, India, Turkey, the Philippines and Latin America, it is not uncommon to see populist leaders rise to power by mobilising opposition to established elites or foreign influence.

Nationalism, since Herder, is also focused on ensuring that culture and politics, ethnicity and the state, past and present, are aligned. The culture may evolve and the past may be partly imagined, but nationalists view these as relatively permanent. The people who bear sovereignty should have a well-developed identity and a sense of timeless continuity with generations past. When the continuity of identity is seen to be under threat – through the global spread of ideas or immigrants, for instance, a cultural nationalist backlash can arise.

National pride becomes important too: the rise of nationalism brings a sense among nationalists – such as in contemporary India – that the nation has been humiliated, betrayed by elites or foreigners, and must recover its proper place in the world. Elsewhere populists generally accept liberal institutions but mobilise voters who are psychologically authoritarian in Adorno or Altemeyers terms, in that they seek order and security rather than pluralism and change.

Nationalism can nurture absolutism or conversely, a form of democratic design where populism ushers. The challenge of defining populism is at least partially due to the fact that the term has been used to describe political movements, parties, ideologies, and leaders across geographical, historical, and ideological contexts. Indeed, “there is general agreement in the comparative literature that populism is confrontational, chameleonic, culture-bound and context-dependent” (Arter); the challenge, then, is to understand how culture and context shape populist politics and how populism in turn affects political change. Populist politics can reshape repertoires of political mobilization, especially in the forms of mass social movements and socially engaged party organizations. The ability of populist politics to galvanize new forms of political engagement is especially important in an era of decline in formal political participation such as turnout and party membership. Populist politics have emerged in different historical periods starting with farmers’ movements to trade unionism and general diffuse waves of thought. In fact, it is often difficult to tell where the welfare state ends and a political collusion and sycophancy starts.

In such times, it is difficult for various discourses to take a stance, or even decide the limits. The resistance put up by various art and social discourses is not just for its own sake. Nationalism and populism create such hegemonies which are questioned and opposed, for example, by feminists. The marginalized, and the deviant. The resistance put by these is often considered alien and hostile to the nation and culture. The metanarratives of nation and culture thus pressure such resistance into submission or dilution. On the other hand, resistance to metanarratives may also cross the lines at times.

The strategies for this may be overt– e.g. when writers and artists are told by pressure groups to toe a certain line—or covert, e.g. when social and cultural discourses start showing certain leanings while enjoying ‘freedom’. The seminar seeks to explore these issues and to see how their dynamics affect lives in the present times. The seminar targets highly motivated students, academicians, as well as activists across disciplines.

**Sub-themes:**

- Nationalism and populism
- Nationalism and Indian identity
- The new nationalist-globalist cleavage in politics
- The nationalist backlash against globalisation
- Nationalism and fascism
- Comparisons between fascism and right-wing populism
- Psychological Authoritarianism and Nationalism
- National identity and immigration
- Ethnic nationalism
- Economic nationalism
- The rise of the far right in Europe
- Trumpism and American nationalism
- Majority-group or dominant ethnicity
- Nationalism and feminism
- The resistance of the marginalized
- The love/hate politics of religion

**CALL FOR PAPERS :** Interested participants are requested to send an abstract of 250-350 words and full papers, not exceeding 3000 words (excluding notes and references), are to be submitted through e-mail by the last date as mentioned below to [eflgvseminar@gmail.com](mailto:eflgvseminar@gmail.com). Full papers with abstracts and short bio-notes of the author(s) should be mailed as a single MS word attachment, font size 12 in Times New Roman with 1.5 line spacing. Participants are requested to adhere strictly to the guidelines provided in the MLA handbook (latest edition).

**Publication:** The papers will be blindly reviewed and those selected by the editorial board will be published in an edited book by a reputed publisher with ISBN. **No TA/DA or any other allowances will be provided to the participants for attending the seminar.**

**Deadlines:**

Submission of abstract: on/before **15 November 2018**

Notification of acceptance: **20 November 2018**

Submission of full paper: **25 November 2018**

**Note: As per ICSSR directives, paper submission is a prerequisite to participation/paper presentation in the seminar.**

**REGISTRATION FEE (Without Accommodation):**

Participants	Before/Till 15 November 2018	After 15 November 2018
Faculty / Independent scholars	₹ 1500	₹ 2000
Research Scholar/ P.G. students	₹ 1000	₹ 1500

**Note :** In case of seminar presentations with joint authorship, each of the authors will have to get registered separately.

Registration fee will include lunch on both the days, tea, seminar kit, and certificate.

The registration fee may be sent via online transfer/ NEFT/ cash deposit to the following:

Name of the Account: REG GURU GHASIDAS UNI Bilaspur
<b>Account No:</b> 37137162271
<b>Name of the Bank:</b> State Bank of India
Branch:Lodhipara, KONI (18879)
<b>IFSC Code :</b> SBIN0018879

**Note:** Accommodation will be provided in the University Guest House on first come first serve basis (on payment). Delegates may be need to make their own arrangements for accommodation. However, assistance will be provided to find adequate hotel /guest house accommodation on prior request.

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