



Two Day International Seminar

(Hybrid Platform)

On

Liberating Minds and Memories: Reliving the Legacy of Ngugi wa Thiong'o

18-19 July 2025, Friday-Saturday, 10.30am IST

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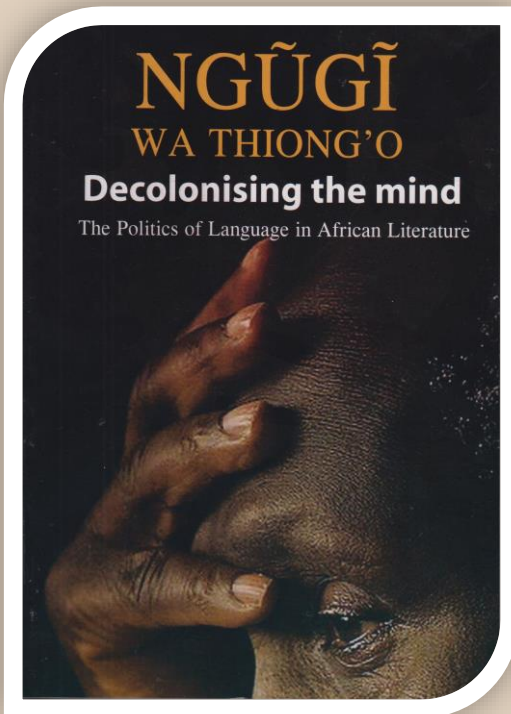
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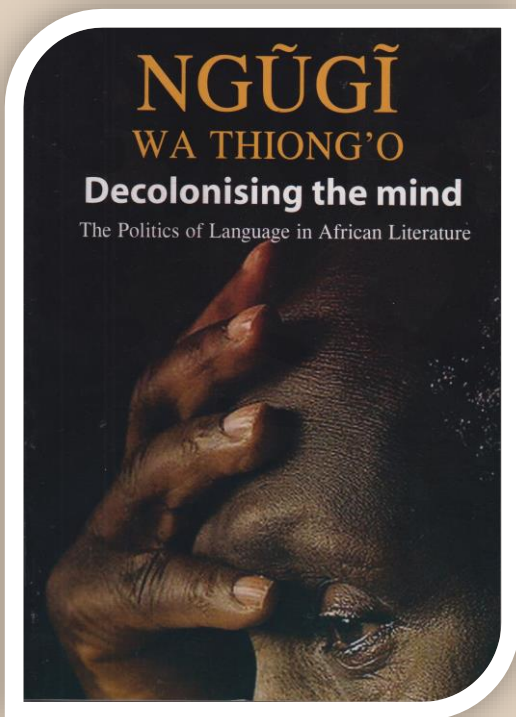
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Concept Note:

In the field of world literature and global thought Ngugi wa Thiong'o was like the Baobab tree resonating courage, clarity and strength. He tirelessly advocated for cultural freedom, human rights and the decolonization of the mind. His evolution from writing in the English language to writing in his mother tongue has attested to the global audience that true freedom from colonialism and neocolonialism comes from embracing and revitalizing the indigenous languages of one's culture. His literary oeuvre has vociferously announced that language is not only a means of communication, but it is also a carrier of culture, history and identity. Colonialism and neocolonialism extend beyond the simple political and economic control and becomes a means of controlling and hegemonizing the mind and memory. Ngugi thus professes not only the use of indigenous languages as a means of reclaiming one's voice and cultural identity but also advocated for the abolition of the English Department as a mark of resistance from all sorts of colonial narratives and structures. The focus of this seminar is not to mourn for the death of the maestro, Ngugi wa Thiong'o, but to celebrate every word he wrote as his spirit lives on and his legacy has been passed on to our generation just like the deeds of the griots of the old.

This seminar is a platform to enliven Ngugi wa Thiong'o, the global beacon of dignity, who taught us the power of the written word and to think critically and bravely.





The seminar invites papers from faculties, and researchers on Ngugi's legacy. Some of the sub themes are the following but the seminar is not restricted to these sub themes only:

- Language and culture
- Language and literature
- Linguistic decolonization
- Postcolonial identity
- Literature and social justice
- Relevance today in the context of globalization and cultural exchanges.

Papers can be presented either in English or Bangla keeping in mind the idea of linguistic decolonization.

Abstracts of papers (not more than 200 words) and a short bio-note (not more than 100 words) to be sent to:

seminarngugibmmenglish@gmail.com

Important Dates:

- Last date for Submission of Abstracts of papers: **12.07.2025**
- Notification of Acceptance of Abstracts: **13.07.2025**
- Date for Registration: **13.07.25 to 16.07.2025**

Registration fees:

Online paper presenters: INR500/-
Offline paper presenters: INR800/-

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