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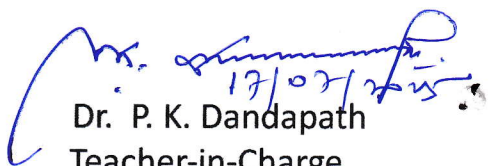
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## Notification regarding International Seminar

The Dept. of English of our college is hosting a two-day International Seminar (Hybrid Platform) on 18th-19th July 2025 to commemorate the world-famous Kenyan writer and reformer Ngugi wa Thiong'o.

All the faculties of the College are cordially invited to participate in the said event. Those who require participation certificate they must register with Rs. 300/-.

Date: 17/07/2025

  
Dr. P. K. Dandapath  
Teacher-in-Charge

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## 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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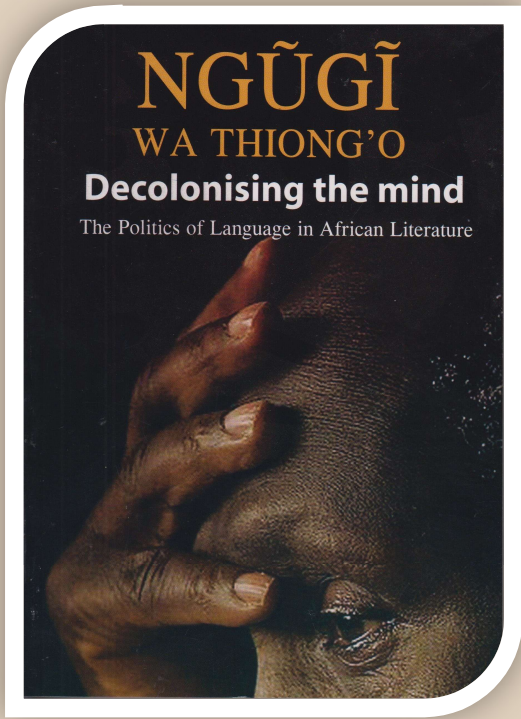
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Venue

**Swami Vivekananda Seminar Hall  
Bajkul Milani Mahavidyalaya**





## 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.



## Invitation

It is a great pleasure to inform you that the Department of English, Bajkul Milani Mahavidyalaya in collaboration with the IQAC, is going to organize a two day international seminar on "**Liberating Minds and Memories: Reliving the Legacy of Ngugi wa Thiong'o**" on 18<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> July, 2025, in our college campus.

This seminar is going to be a platform for interaction of myriad ideas amongst the academicians, researchers and all other participants from various institutions from different corners of the world.

It is our pleasure to invite you and to request you to participate in this seminar.

*Dr. Pijush Kanti Dandapath*  
Chairperson  
Seminar organizing committee  
Bajkul Milani Mahavidyalaya

*Dr. Ritika Batabyal*  
Convenor  
Seminar organizing committee  
Bajkul Milani Mahavidyalaya

## College at a Glance

The **Bajkul Milani Mahavidyalaya** was established on the 3rd September, 1964 as a Government Sponsored college under the Calcutta University, West Bengal, India. It has come under the purview of the Vidyasagar University, West Bengal, India since 1985. Its birth initially owes to the sacrifice of the local people in the form of financial assistance and landed property.

The environment of the college has charming view in the background of a luxuriant landscape of rural and semi-urban nature. It is situated by the side of Digha-Kolkata high way and Digha-Howra South-Eastern Railway. Our college consists of big play ground, charming flower gardens, indoor sports training facilities, student's hostel, pond, canteen, teacher's dormitory, gymnasium, purified water supply etc.

At our College, a wide variety of subjects are offered at the undergraduate level. The post graduate courses are offered in Sanskrit, Bengali, Geography, Philosophy and History and also offers technical courses like Automobile and ITI.

## Location & Communication

Geographically, our institution, Bajkul Milani Mahavidyalaya is in between 22°1'37.5" N to 22°1'29.9" N latitude and 87°49'11.3" E to 87°49'01.6" E longitude. Geomorphologically, this is on Bajkul Suburb zone over coastal Purba Medinipur. The site of the college has charming view in the background of luxuriant rural landscape of nature. At the same time it enjoys a network facility of communications making possible quick travels to important places like Digha (towards South), Calcutta (towards North), two neighborhood district towns, Midnapore ( towards North-West) and Tamluk (towards North) and Bhagwanpur police station (towards West ).



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WA THIONG'O**  
**Decolonising the mind**  
The Politics of Language in African Literature



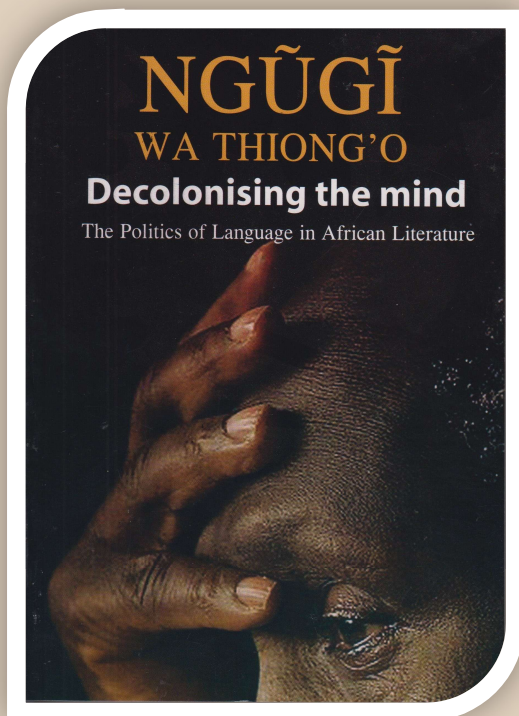


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## Seminar Organizing Committee

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## Programme Schedule

### Day I – 18 July 2025, Friday

#### **10.30 AM: Opening Remarks by Seminar Convenor**

**Dr. Ritika Batabyal**, Assistant Professor, Dept. of English, Bajkul Milani Mahavidyalaya

#### **10.35 AM: Inaugural Address**

**Dr. Pijushkanti Dandapath**, Teacher-in-Charge, Bajkul Milani Mahavidyalaya

#### **10.45 AM: Introductory Remarks**

**Dr. Asis De**, Associate Professor, HOD, Department of English, Mahishadal Raj College & Secretary,  
Faculty Council for Post Graduate Studies, Mahatma Gandhi University, Purba Medinipur

#### **11.00 AM: Academic Session I – Chair:**

**Dr. Asis De**, Associate Professor, HOD, Department of English, Mahishadal Raj College & Secretary,  
Faculty Council for Post Graduate Studies, Mahatma Gandhi University, Purba Medinipur

**Ajay M** Assistant Professor of English at Sri Sathya Sai University for Human Excellence, Karnataka

**Urban Shadows and Spatial Resistance: Reading Ngũgĩ wa Thiong'o's Short Stories through the Lens of Postcolonial  
Urbanism**



**Anju Mathew** UGC Junior Research Fellow at the Department of English and Comparative Literature, Pondicherry University

**Estranged Selves: A Fanonian Reading of Colonial Violence in Ngũgĩ wa Thiong'o's "The Return"**

**Ms Lakshmi** , Assistant Professor, Department of English, Galgotias University, Greater Noida UP.

**An Insight Into Ngugi wa Thiong'o's 'Mother Cry for Me' Through the Lens of Cultural Studies**

**Dr. K. V. Ramana Chary** , Assistant Professor and Head, Department of English , Telangana University, Nizamabad

**Resistance and Rearming: A Note on Ngugi wa Thiong'o's Matigari**

**Dr. Manorath Das**, Assistant Professor, Srinath University Jamshedpur

**Ngũgĩ in the Global Canon: From Kenyan Novelist to Postcolonial Icon**

**12.00 noon: Academic Session II – Chair:** Dr. Ritika Batabyal, Assistant Professor, Dept. of English, Bajkul Milani Mahavidyalaya,

**Sumana Ghosh**, SACT-I, Department of English, Santipur College, Nadia, West Bengal

**From Silenced Tongues to Speaking Selves: Language, Trauma, and Resistance in Ngũgĩ wa Thiong'o's Devil on the Cross and Decolonising the Mind**

**Dr. Tuhin Majumdar**, Assistant Professor in the Department of English, Khatra Adibasi Mahavidyalaya, West Bengal

**Wounds and Witness: Collective Memory and Historical Trauma in Ngugi wa Thiong'o's Fictions**

**Pooja Arya** , Assistant Professor, Govt. P.G. College, Gairsain, Uttarakhand

**Empowering Indigenous Voices: The Role of Mother Tongue Education in Linguistic Decolonization in Uttarakhand**

**Mutturaj Hipparagi**, PhD Scholar, Department of English, Karnatak University, Dharwad

**Decolonising the Tongue: Ngũgĩ wa Thiong'o and the Language of Resistance – A Study**

**Ms.Siva Selvi**, Assistant Professor, Vels Institute of Science, Technology & Advanced Studies, Pallavaram, Chennai

**Language as Resistance: Ngugi wa Thing'o and the Urgency of Linguistic Decolonization**

### **1.00 PM: Lunch**

**1.30 PM: Academic Session III – Chair:** Dr. Soma Mukherjee, Assistant Professor, Centre for Comparative Literature, Bhasha Bhavana, Visva Bharati, Shantiniketan, West Bengal

**Saradindu Maity**, Guest Faculty, Department of English, Mahatma Gandhi University, Mahishadal,. Deepmala Mahato, SACT-I, Department of English, Mahishadal Raj College

**From Individual Anguish to Collective Defiance: Decolonizing the Self and the Society in Ngũgĩ wa Thiong'o's Devil on the Cross**

**Dr. Anchala Paliwal**, Assistant Professor, Department of English, Vivekananda College, Delhi

**Language as Collective Memory in Kumaoni Folktales**

**Dr. Aparna Ajith**, Assistant Professor of English, Sree Narayana College for Women, Kollam, Kerala

**Shipwrecked in Gikuyu Language and Ngugi wa Thiong'o' Decolonisation of the Mind**

**Suparna Roy**, Assistant Professor, English, Dept of Applied Sciences and Humanities Global Institute of Management and Technology

**Gender and Africa: Reading Thiong'o in Literature**

**Sayan Bhowmik**, Guest Faculty, Department of English, Mahatma Gandhi University, Mahishadal  
**Language as Liberation: Weaponizing Endoglossia in Revitalizing Ngũgĩ wa Thiong'o's Legacy of Linguistic Decolonisation**

**3:00 PM: Special Lecture – Chair: Dr. Asis De**, Associate Professor, HOD, Department of English, Mahishadal Raj College & Secretary, Faculty Council for Post Graduate Studies, Mahatma Gandhi University, Purba Medinipur

**Special Lecture (online) – Dr. Souleymane Ndao**, Associate Professor & Director of Partnerships and International relations Groupe ISM, Dakar, Senegal  
**Decolonising Knowledge and Ngugi wa Thiong'o**

### **3.50 PM: Tea Break**

**4.00 PM: Academic Session IV – Chair: Dr. Chandrani Biswas**, Associate Professor, Dept. of English, St. Xavier's College (Autonomous) Kolkata

**Anuradha Acharjee**, PhD Scholar, University of Vigo, Spain  
**Voices of Liberation: Ngũgĩ wa Thiong'o, Fanon, Achebe, and the Language of Postcolonial Identity**

**Jayesh**, Ph.D. Scholar, Faculty of Arts and Humanities, Kalinga University, Naya Raipur, Chhattisgarh  
**Language and Culture in the Diaspora: Identity Formation in Migrant Communities**

**M. Swathi**, Research Scholar, Department of English, Madurai Kamaraj University, Madurai, Tamil Nadu.  
**Dr.R. Dhayalakrishnan**, Assistant Professor Head, Department of English, Directorate of Distance Education, Madurai Kamaraj University, Madurai, Tamil Nadu, India  
**Postlinguistic Ruptures and Digital Hegemonies: Reinscribing Ngũgĩ wa Thiong'o's Anti-Colonial Language Praxis through Postdigital Extractivism and Transcultural Memory**

**Prof. Partha Sarathi Mondal**, Assistant Professor, Shibpur Dinobundhoo Institution, Kolkata  
**Afropolitanism and the Fluidity of Identity: A Study on Language, Assimilation and Alienation in Adichie's Americanah**

**Tanmoy Ruidas**, Assistant Professor, Jangipur College, Jangipur, Murshidabad, West Bengal  
**Decolonizing the Literary Canon: Ngũgĩ wa Thiong'o's Call and Its Relevance to Indian English Literature**

### **End of Day I**

### **Day II – 19 July 2025, Saturday**

**10.30 AM: Academic Session V – Chair: Dr. Srideep Mukherjee**, Associate Professor & Head, School of Humanities, Netaji Subhas Open University, Kolkata

**Azmat Mushtaq**, Independent Researcher,  
**Lyrics of a Nation: A Linguistic Decolonization and the Shifting Discourse of Identity in Bollywood Song Lyrics (1950–2020)**

**Darakhshan Hashmi**, Ph.D. Scholar English Literature, Aligarh Muslim University  
**Writing in the Mother Tongue: Ngũgĩ wa Thiong'o, U.R. Ananthamurthy, and Bhikhari Thakur on Language and Resistance**

**Saptaki Chattopadhyay**, Independent Researcher, Invitee Teacher, Dasarathi Hazra Memorial College, Purba Bardhaman  
**Linguistic Resistance in the age of AI: Reassessing Ngũgĩ wa Thiong'o Decolonial Vision**



**Preetam Bera**, Assistant Professor, Bajkul Milani Mahavidyalaya, Purba Medinipur  
**Orhan Pamuk and the Establishment of Turkish Identity in World Literature**

**Dr. S. Satish Kumar** Visiting Faculty, Department of English, Ashoka University  
**The Sisters Killjoy: Decolonization and the Postcolonial Feminine**

**11.35 AM: Keynote Address – Chair: Dr. Ritika Batabyal**, Assistant Professor, Department of English, Bajkul Milani Mahavidyalaya

**Keynote Address: Dr. Ipshita Chanda**, Professor, Dept. of Comparative Literature, School of Literary Studies, The English and Foreign Languages University, Hyderabad, Telangana State, India.

### **12.15PM: Tea Break**

**12.30 PM: Panel Discussion:** Moderator: **Dr. Ipshita Chanda**, Professor, Dept. of Comparative Literature, School of Literary Studies, The English and Foreign Languages University, Hyderabad, Telangana State, India.

**Decolonising Language and Ngũgĩ wa Thiong’o: Indian Perspective.**

**Panelists:** **Dr. Chandrani Biswas**, Associate Professor, Dept. of English, St. Xavier’s College (Autonomous), Kolkata  
**Dr. Soma Mukherjee**, Assistant Professor, Centre for Comparative Literature, Bhasha Bhavana, Visva Bharati, Shantiniketan, West Bengal  
**Dr. Anway Mukhopadhyay**, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Humanities and Social Sciences, IIT Kharagpur, Kharagpur, India  
**Dr. Ritika Batabyal**, Assistant Professor, Dept. of English, Bajkul Milani Mahavidyalaya, Purba Medinipur, West Bengal

### **1.15 PM: Lunch**

**1.45 PM: Academic Session VI– Chair: Dr. Anway Mukhopadhyay**, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Humanities and Social Sciences, IIT Kharagpur, Kharagpur, India

**Nabiha Nausheen O.K.**, Assistant Professor, Department of English, Marudhar Kesari Jain College for Women (Autonomous), Vaniyambadi  
**Reclaiming the Self: Existential Memory and Linguistic Liberation in the Works of Ngũgĩ wa Thiong’o**

**Prachi Goswami**, Assistant Professor, Department of English, Bhartiya Mahavidyalaya, Farrukhabad  
**Reclaiming the Visuals: Graphic Storytelling in South Asia**

**Sarita Rani**, Assistant Professor and Head, Department of English, MKGD College, Gabhana  
**An African Historical Perspective of Ngugiwa Thiong’o’s Selected Novels**

**Sarathlal M**, Ph. D. Scholar, Department of English and Comparative Literature at the Central University of Kerala  
**From Caste to Counter-History: Decolonising Indian Sporting Memory in Gobaraha**

**Suvajit Khalua**, Independent Researcher,  
**Ngũgĩ and Tagore: Comparative Insights on Language, Culture, and Freedom**

**2:45 PM: Vote of Thanks :** **Dr. Ritika Batabyal**, Convenor, Seminar Organizing Committee