

Round Table on 'Decentring ELT'

Thursday, 10th November 2022; 12.00 noon

Venue

J. M. Patel College, Bhandara

What is 'decentring ELT'?

In the history of teaching/ learning English in India, especially in the last 50 years, there is an increasing feeling that ELT methods, materials, practices in India are dominated by the Western approaches and theories. There are also arguments or beliefs that the best ELT theory and practice comes from the West. The result is often a neglect of the local practices and expertise. 'Decentring ELT' is a way of critically looking at such arguments and beliefs. It also attempts to identify ways and strategies of countering any hegemonic or domineering approaches/ practices.

What is the Round Table about?

This Round Table is intended to hold an open, informal and frank discussion with colleagues teaching English (language/ literature) at the tertiary level. Participants are invited to share their own experiences, observations and perspectives related to the topic of discussion. To stimulate the discussion, they may be initially invited to respond to some prompts. But in general it will be an open discussion where everyone is free to share whatever they wish to. There will be no formal speeches or any ceremonies.

The entire session is expected to last for about two hours.

Background of the event

CELE, Dr. B. R. Ambedkar University Delhi has undertaken a major research project to explore the perspectives and practices of the Indian English teachers' community about centring/ decentring. This is a two-year project aimed at understanding the prevalent perceptions and practices of ELT practitioners, collect insights and examples related to de/centring, and identify ways of promoting decentring in the Indian ELT scenario. Several Round Tables have been planned at different places in India as a part of the project plan.

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