



**GRID**  
**GROUP FOR RESEARCH ON THE INDIAN DIASPORA, A UPE PROJECT**  
**AND**  
**THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATION AND JOURNALISM**  
**INVITES YOU TO**  
**A JOINT SYMPOSIUM**  
**ON**

**IMAGINARY HOMELANDS: THE INDIAN DIASPORA IN LITERATURE,**  
**PHILOSOPHY, CINEMA AND TELEVISION**

**20<sup>th</sup> March 2010**

**1.00 P.M. TO 5.30 P.M.**

Venue: THE AUDITORIUM, PHIROZSHAH MEHTA BHAVAN  
DEPARTMENT OF CIVICS AND POLITICS, KALINA CAMPUS  
UNIVERSITY OF MUMBAI  
MUMBAI 400098

*Programme:*

**Session 1:** Chairperson: Dr. Mala Pandurang, Head, Department of English, Dr. BMN College, Matunga, Mumbai.

1:00 – 1:15: Introduction

1.15 – 1.35 p.m.: Imaginary Homelands: The Indian Diaspora in Literature and Cinema – An Overview – Professor Dr. Nilufer E. Bharucha, Coordinator, GRID

1.35 – 1.55 p.m.: The Idea of Home in Women's Writing: A Comparative Study of Indo-French Mauritian and Marathi Texts – Professor Dr. Mangala Sirdeshpande, GRID

1.55 – 2.15 p.m.: Home and Reform: Gandhi in the Diasporic Imagination – Dr. Kanchana Mahadevan, GRID

2.15 to 2.30: Question Time

2.30 to 3.15: Rapid Fire Round for student and researcher contributions

1. Kirti Javadekar: The Notion of Home in Lahiri's *The Namesake*
2. Roxanna Pinto: From A's to Alif's: Growing up Goan in Kuwait
3. Anjana Bhowmik: South Africa: The Birthplace of Satyagraha
4. Deepna Rao: The Notion of Home in Anita Desai's *Journey to Ithaca*

3.15 – 3.30 p.m.: Tea Break

**Session 2:** Chairperson: Mr. Narendra Bandabe, Assistant Producer, Television Channel IBN7

3.30 – 3.50 p.m.: Reaching Out to the Internal Indian Diaspora: Use of Folk Traditions in Television Programming – Sanjay Ranade, Department of Communication and Journalism; Presented by Mangesh Karandikar, Head, Department of Communication and Journalism

3.50 – 4.10 p.m.: Question Time

4.15 – 5.00 p.m.: *Yeh Jo Desh hain tera, Swades hain tera*: The Pull of the Home in Hindi Film Music - A Musical Presentation by Ms. Nihaarika Sinha

5.00 – 5.15 p.m.: Valedictory Session

Professor Dr. Nilufer E. Bharucha  
Coordinator, GRID

Mangesh Karandikar  
Head, Dept. of Communication and Journalism

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