

Dr. Maria Theresa Chakkunny

Assistant Professor

Qualification: MA, UGC NET, MPhil, Ph.D

Area of Specialization: Eastern & Western Aesthetics, Cultural Studies, African Literature, Comparative Mythology

Email: mariatheresachak@gmail.com

Detailed bio-data

Dr. (Mrs.) Maria Theresa Chakkunny
Associate Editor

Assistant Professor
Department of English
St. Teresa's College, Ernakulam
Kerala, India

Ph: 9447760346

Email: mariatheresachak@gmail.com

Positions held:

- Member-UG Board of Studies, St. Teresa's College (Autonomous)
- Associate Editor-2018-19, 2017-18
- Member- GIEWEC & Dr. J.K Research Foundation- 2012 onwards
- Staff Advisor- Teresian Drama Club- 2006-2009, 2011-2018
- Staff Advisor- Teresian Quiz Club – 2009
- Staff Advisor – Nature Club – 2014
- Mahatma Gandhi University Coordinator- UGC Sponsored Add-On Course- Graphic Design& Animation- 2008-2013
- Coordinator- The Knowledge Fair- Jan 21-22, 2016
- TROP Coordinator-2012-13

Academic Preparation/Research Experience

- **Doctorate awarded** on 24/03/2018 as per the Syndicate decision of Mahatma Gandhi University.
- Ph.D Thesis entitled: *Myth as a Lodestone to Evolution of Race and Culture: Reading African and Dravidian Myth through Amos Tutuola and Girish Karnad.*
- **MPhil in English Literature:** School of Letters, Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam- 1995
- MPhil Thesis title: *Negritude: A Study of Non-Negroid and Negroid Viewpoints with reference to the stories of Nadine Gordimer.*
- **MA in English Language and Literature-** UC College, Aluva, Mahatma Gandhi University-1989
- **BSc in Zoology-** St. Joseph's College for Women, Alappuzha, Kerala University, 1987
- **Pre-Degree** -St. Joseph's College for Women, Alappuzha, Kerala University, 1984
- **ICSE-** St. Mary's Anglo-Indian Girls High School, Fort Kochi, 1982

Languages known: English, Malayalam, Hindi, French

Professional Experience:

- Faculty in English: St. Teresa's College, Ernakulam from 17-03-2010 till date.
- Guest faculty: St. Teresa's College, Ernakulam from 8 August, 1999- 16 March, 2010
- Was FIP substitute lecturer at St. Teresa's College for three and a half years till 2008
- Guided **40 Plus MA dissertations**
- External Examiner for PG papers at St. Alberts, SH College (Thevara) and Maharajas College
- Question paper setter for PG and UG courses

Subjects handled at PG level

Literary Theory, Literary Criticism, Modernist fiction, Postmodern fiction, Cultural Studies, Film Studies, Eastern Aesthetics, Postcolonial Studies, Gender and Performance

Areas of Interest

Cultural Studies, Comparative Literature, Comparative Mythology, African Literature, Indian Aesthetics

Professional Skills other than teaching

- Knowledge in Adobe Photoshop and Adobe Flash
- Knowledge in MS PowerPoint and MS Office
- Editing
- Organizational skills

Honours and Awards

- Awarded Second prize at the State-level Essay competition conducted by the Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre, Thumba – 31 January 1984
- Awarded First prize for Poster Design organized by Centre for Adult Education and Extension, Kerala University – 8 September 1983
- Represented Kerala University as an NSS volunteer at the Inter-University National Integration Camp at the National level – 23 June 1983
- Held position of School Leader at St. Mary's Anglo-Indian Girls' High School, Fort Kochi - 1982

Paper Presentations

- Presented a paper entitled 'Myth and the Development of Consciousness' at the International colloquium on Literature, Theory and the History of Ideas conducted by Centre for Cultural Studies, University of Kerala, *Littcrit* and MSM College, Kayamkulam – 3-5 October 2018
- Presented a paper entitled 'Travel Narratives and History: Reconstructions and Abstractions' at the National seminar on Narrating Travel, Mapping Identities organized by Institute of English, University of Kerala – 5-7 March 2018
- Paper presented on 'Myth: A Resolution of Time and Timelessness in the Development of Science' at the Third International conference on World Science Fiction in India – 14 – 16 February 2013

Resource Person

- **St. Pauls' International Public School: Workshop for teachers – Subject-Verb Agreement, Modals**
- **University Co-ordinator for Add-On course on Graphic Design and Animation – 2008 – 2013**

Attended various International, National and State seminars.

Details will be furnished upon request.

Details of Research Publications

Research & Academic Contribution

Published Papers in Journals

Sl. No.	Title with Pg. nos., Issue, Vol.	Name of the Journal	ISSN/ ISBN No.	Whether peer-reviewed factor, impact factor if any	No. of co-authors
1	Race and Culture: Revisionary Frameworks of Reality, Pp.65-73, vol.8, Issue 1, October 2016	Teresian Journal of English Studies	ISSN: 0975-6302	Peer reviewed	Nil
2	The Language of African Literature: A Reading of Ngugi wa Thiong'o, Pp.82-88, vol.1, Issue 1, October 2009	Teresian Journal of English Studies	ISSN: 0975-6302	Peer reviewed	Nil

Papers Published as Conference Proceedings

Title with Pg. nos.	Details of Conference Publication	ISSN/ISBN no.	No. of co-authors	Whether you are the main author
Myth: A Resolution of Time and Timelessness in the Development of Science, Pp.38-46	Third International conference on Popularizing Science Fiction Studies organized by Indian Association of Science Fiction (IASFS)	ISBN no. 978-81-909900-9-7	Nil	Yes

CONFERENCES /SYMPOSIA

1. Participated in 'National Seminar on e-learning and MOOCs in Higher Education' organized by Guru Angad Dev Teaching – Learning Centre of MHRD, SGTB Khalsa College, University of Delhi in collaboration with St. Teresa's College (Autonomous), Ernakulam, Kerala on 1 March 2019
2. Participated in International Seminar on 'Art and Democracy: The Political Aesthetics of the Contemporary Age' organized by Teresian International & Dept. of History on 7-9 January 2019
3. Participated and presented a paper titled 'Myth and the Development of Consciousness' at the three-day International Colloquium on Literature, Theory and the History of Ideas conducted by Centre for Cultural Studies, Uty. Of Kerala, Littcrit: An Indian Response to Literature, MSM College, Kayamkulam and supported by KSHCE on 3-5 October 2018
4. Chaired a session in the Dan Thottakkara Memorial National Seminar entitled 'Locations of Power: Cultural Memory and the Negotiations of Identities' organized by the School of Letters, MG Uty. in collaboration with the Dept. of English, SH College, Thevara on 12-13 December 2018
5. Participated and chaired a session in the National conference on 'Intellectual Property Rights and Innovative Research – Challenges and Opportunities' organized by TRACC, sponsored by UGC (CPE) held on 23 November 2018
6. Participated in and presented a paper titled 'Travel Narratives and History: Reconstructions and Abstractions' in the National Seminar on Narrating Travel, Mapping Identities organized by Institute of English, Uty. of Kerala from 5-7 March 2018
7. Co-ordinated the National Seminar on 'The Politics of Food: Representations and Practices' organized by the Dept. of English and the Centre for Research, St. Teresa's College (Autonomous), held on 21 February 2018
8. Participated in the Albertian International Knowledge Summit – International Conference on multi-disciplinary Research organized by St. Albert's College from 8-17 January 2018
9. Participated in the International workshop on 'International Research Methods & Academic Skills' organized by ROOT International, UK and the Dept. of English and Centre for Research, St. Teresa's College (Autonomous), Ernakulam and supported by SPECT Global on 8, 9 August 2017
10. Participated in the 12th International & 48th ELTAI Annual conference on 'English Language Acquisition: Western Theories and Eastern Practices' organized by ELTAI from 29 June – 1 July 2017

Personal Profile

Date of Birth: 17-10-1966

Nationality : Indian

REFERENCES:

1. Dr. K.M. Krishnan, Dean, School of Letters, Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam.
2. Rev. Sr. Dr. Celine E., Director, St. Teresa's College (Autonomous), Ernakulam-682011.