

Presentation : **K.S. Madhavan**  
(Dept. of History, University of Calicut)  
Topic : **Historicizing Oral Tradition:  
Reflection on Experience and Theory**  
Discussion  
Vote of Thanks : **Shahina.N**

**12 March 2013, Tuesday**

**Technical Session 3 (9.30-11.00 am)**

Welcome : **Dr. C.A.Anaz**  
(Dept. of History, Farook College)  
Presentation : **Dr. K.N. Ganesh**  
(Dept. of History, University of Calicut)  
Topic : **Selecting Research Topics:  
Problems and Prospects**  
Discussion  
Vote of Thanks : **Ruksana**

*Lunch Break*

**Technical Session 4 (11.30 am-1.00pm)**

Welcome : **Ms. Saleena. M**  
(Dept. of History, Farook College)  
Presentation : **Dr. M.R. Raghava Variyar**  
(Former Professor, University of  
Calicut&Chief Editor, Publication  
Division, Kottakkal Aryavaidyasala)  
Topic : **Local History:Concept and Method**  
Discussion  
Vote of Thanks : **Safiya**

*Lunch Break*

**Technical Session 5 (2 pm- 4pm)**

Dissertation : Synopsis Discussion

TWO-DAY WORKSHOP  
ON

PATHWAYS TO THE PAST:  
METHODOLOGICAL NUANCES OF WRITING HISTORY

In Memory of  
Dr. S.M. MOHAMED KOYA  
Former Head of the Department of History, University Of Calicut

11-12 MARCH, 2013

AUDIO VISUAL THEATRE



POSTGRADUATE & RESEARCH DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY  
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Research is a baffling problem for students of history and amateur historians alike. Difficulties surface right from the point of searching for a research problem, and goes on to haunt the researcher seeking a viable theoretical and conceptual paradigm. As the selection of topics and paradigms are greatly constrained by the concerns of contemporary social realities, and hence every history becomes 'contemporary history', no researcher can escape addressing current trends in historical research. The subject of History has always been under siege for its alleged 'frivolous' attributes and 'un-scientific' methodological foundations, but the postmodern skepticism about its integrity, its methodological 'softness' and 'doubtful' source/data base, has made its position all the more defensive. Historians have been trying to overcome this challenge by incorporating new insights of social science research, mainly by shifting the focus to newer themes and to the issues of the socially marginalized, and by experimenting new methods, like exploring the 'field' for getting 'direct' source. Metanarratives are less fashionable now and armchair research with its relentless faith in 'sacred' archival data has been increasingly unpopular. Historical research is under pressure to accommodate new trends to adapt to the changing scenario.

The study of history is thus on a tremendous transition now - from meta-history to small narratives, social to cultural history and telescopic to microscopic history. All these may not necessarily be welcome if we lay faith in the nobler 'mission' of history but it is difficult to set one's face against the advancing trends of the times. The postmodernist cynicism of history should certainly be countered but the immense possibilities opened up by postmodernism on historical knowledge and inquiry have brought about a solid foundation for an inevitable paradigm shift.

The Postgraduate and Research Department of History, Farook College, organizes this workshop to encourage the students of history in research and to orient them towards recent trends in historical methodology. The various sessions in the workshop would discuss wide ranging issues closely associated with the topic.

We dedicate this workshop to the fond memory of late Dr. S.M. Mohamed Koya, former Head of the Department of History, University of Calicut, who was intimately associated himself with the activities of this Department, and who was noted for his vitality, diligence and academic brilliance.

## PROGRAMME

11 March 2013, Monday

Registration : 9.00am -10.00 am

### Inaugural Session( 10.00am -10.30 am)

Welcome : **Prof. P. Alassankutty**  
(HOD, History, Farook College)

Concept Note : **Dr. Manmathan. M.R**  
(Seminar coordinator)

Presidential Address : **Prof. Imbichikoya**  
(Principal, Farook College)

Inauguration : **Dr. M.G.S. Narayanan**  
(Director General, Centre for Heritage Studies, Tripunitura)

Felicitation : **C.T. Muhammed Shareef**  
(Chairman, College Union)

Vote of Thanks : **Sanoop. P**  
(Secretary, History Association)

*Tea Break*

### Technical Session 1 (10.45 am -12.30 pm)

Welcome : **E.K. Fazalurahman**  
(Dept. of History, Farook College)

Presentation : **Dr. M.G.S. Narayanan**  
Topic : **Approaches to History:  
The Paradigm Shifts**

Discussion

Vote of Thanks : **Shibli.M**

*Lunch Break*

### Technical Session 2 (1.30pm-3.30 pm)

Welcome : **Dr. T. Muhammedali**  
(Dept. of History, Farook College)