Seminar on

Culture and Psyche: Sudhir Kakar’s Contribution to Indian Cultural Psychology and Psychoanalysis

9 & 10 January, 2015

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Department of Psychology
ABOUT CHRIST UNIVERSITY

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The Vision of the Department is to promote high academic standards and scholarship in Psychology by creating an optimal and enriching learning environment, fostering ongoing professional and personal development and contributing effectively to societal needs.

ABOUT THE SEMINAR

Sudhir Kakar, a great intellectual, psychoanalyst, writer and Indian cultural psychologist, is one of the major figures in contemporary Indian thought, and a novelist of repute. Kakar’s magnitude of academic work is broadly aimed at interconnectivity between the seemingly disconnected spectrums of Indian culture and psyche. His seminal scholastic and clinical work have laid bare Indian psyche and shown how Indian ethos, childhood, and family, influence the adults’ inner world.

Dr. Kakar’s work have been profiled in The New York Times, Le Monde, Frankfurter Allgemeine, Neue Zuricher Zeitung, Die Zeit and Le Nouvel Observateur, which listed him as one of the world's 25 major thinkers while the German weekly Die Zeit portrayed Sudhir Kakar as one of the 21 important thinkers of the 21st century.

Dr. Kakar's many honors include the Kardiner Award of Columbia University, Boyer Prize for Psychological Anthropology of the American Anthropological Association, Germany’s Goethe Medal, Rockefeller Residency, McArthur Fellowship and Distinguished Service Award of Indo-American Psychiatric Association.
Dr. Kakar is a member of the New York Academy of Sciences, the Board of Sigmund Freud Archives in the Library of Congress, Washington and the Academie Universelle des Culture, France. In February 2012, he was conferred the Order of Merit of the Federal Republic of Germany, the country's highest civilian order. He has seventeen books of non-fiction and four of fiction to his credit.

The present seminar aims at dialogue on the contributions of Sudhir Kakar to Indian cultural psychology and psychoanalysis. It explores the contribution of Kakar to the studies of Indian culture, mysticism, healing, religion, intimate relationships, identities, desires and psychobiographies.

**SUB-THEMES**

1. Indian Psyche
2. India and its Healing Tradition in Kakar’s Works
3. Memory and Desire in the Work of Sudhir Kakar.
4. Intimacy and Ecstasy
5. Identity, Politics, & Culture
6. Psychoanalysis & Religion
7. Psychoanalysis & Mysticism
8. Psychobiography
9. Kakar’s Clinical Work

**FEATURES OF THE SEMINAR**

Special session featuring Conversation with Kakar, Symposiums, Paper Presentation, Book Reviews, Panel Discussions, Playback Theatre based on the Theme ‘Dreams’ and Meet the Analyst.

**CONFIRMED SPEAKERS**

Dr. Sudhir Kakar
Dr. Ashok Nagpal
Dr. Jhuma Basak
Dr. Anurag Mishra
Dr. Honey Oberoi Vahali
Dr. Krishnaswamy
CALL FOR PAPERS

Conceptual / Scientific Papers, Book Reviews, Case Presentation and Posters are invited based on the sub-themes outlined for the seminar. Interested participants must submit an abstract of 300 words in MS Word format to the following email address no later than 21 December 2014 baiju.gopal@christuniversity.in. Abstracts will be reviewed by experts and selected participants will be notified within 3 days of submission. The proceedings and selected papers will be published.

REGISTRATION DETAILS

- Registration Fees: INR 2000 per delegate and INR 1500 per student.
- Last date for registration: 28 December, 2014.
- Accommodation (limited) will be provided on request at the campus guesthouse for twin sharing, on first come first serve basis for a fee of INR 850 per head.
- Registration form is enclosed within and available online at http://goo.gl/forms/hhU91Ni9yT

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