

**Centre for European and Latin American Studies
Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi**

Encuentro literario/Literary Meet

**Plural Spaces: Configuring a Literary Cartography of Guatemala
Espacios plurales: La configuración de una cartografía literaria de Guatemala**



Thursday, March 30, 2017, 10.30 am to 4.00 pm, Mir Anis Hall, Gate No. 15

This year marks the 50th anniversary of the award of Nobel Prize for Literature to Miguel Angel Asturias and the 25th anniversary of the Nobel Prize for Peace to Rigoberta Menchú. This important conjuncture provides us with an opportunity to approach the polyphony of literary voices from Guatemala, a small but diverse nation with a millenarian civilization. Even as Miguel Angel Asturias's novels are an illustrious precedent to the Latin American 'Boom' novel, Rigoberta Menchu's *testimonio* prompts us to look beyond the idea of literature as written text. This *Encuentro* aims to employ this commemoration to revisit the works of these two legendary figures, and also explore newer writing coming from Guatemala in more recent years, including in some of the 23 indigenous languages of the country, for example, in K'iche or Q'anjob'al.

The *Encuentro* will bring together faculty and research scholars of Latin American Studies from Delhi University, Jawaharlal Nehru University, and Jamia Millia Islamia, who will make presentations on the works of Miguel Angel Asturias, Rigoberta Menchu, Luis de Lion, Otto Rene Castillo, Humberto Ak'abal, Gaspar Pedro González, Javier Payeras, Rodrigo Rey Rosa and other writers. It is hoped that in paying tribute to Miguel Angel Asturias and Rigoberta Menchú, this *Encuentro* will generate interest in Indian scholars of Latin American Studies to engage with literature from Guatemala in its wide diversity. The working language will be English.

**HE Mr. Giovanni Castillo, Ambassador of Guatemala will inaugurate the *Encuentro*.
Dr. Vijaya Venkataraman, University of Delhi, will give the Key Note Address.**

Registered participants who attend all the sessions will be given a certificate of participation.
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