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Press Release

JMI organizes lecture on “Dilemmas of Humanity” under Distinguished Lecture Series

The Department of English, Jamia Millia Islamia(JMI), organized the fourth lecture of the Distinguished Lecture Series, “Dilemmas of Humanity” by Prof. Vijay Prashad, Executive Director, Tricontinental: Institute for Social Research, on Friday, 13th August, 2021, 6:30- 7:30 PM IST on Zoom. Supported by the Scheme for Promotion of Academic and Research Collaboration (SPARC), Ministry of Education, Government of India, the talk was organized as part of the ongoing academic collaboration with the Department of English and American Studies, University of Würzburg, Germany, and promises to be one in a line of successively pertinent lectures.

The talk was conducted by Ms. Shraddha A. Singh and Ms. Zahra Rizvi, Ph.D. scholars, Department of English, JMI, and was enthusiastically attended by a large number of scholars, students, and faculty from all over the world and across various time-zones.

Prof. Simi Malhotra, H.o.D., Department of English, JMI, Indian PI, delivered the welcome address, greeting the invited speaker, faculty, scholars, and students. She spoke about the talk as a part of the ongoing collaborative project between the Department of English, Jamia Millia Islamia and the Department of English and American Studies, University of Würzburg, on “New Terrains of Consciousness: Globalization, Sensory Environments and Local Cultures of Knowledge”, supported by the Ministry of Education’s initiative SPARC, “Scheme for Promotion of Academic and Research Collaboration” which aims to facilitate academic and research collaboration between higher education institutes in India and abroad. She, then, introduced the esteemed speaker, Prof. Vijay Prashad, who was greeted by a round of applause.

Through the lecture, Prof. Prashad commented on contemporary dilemmas faced by humanity through Fidel Castro’s “Battle of Ideas”. War, with significant global capital flowing into the purchase of armaments, environmental pollution and hunger were looked at as three global issues of our current times. He encouraged participants to think critically and morally about these issues.

This was followed by an engaging, in-depth Q/A session coordinated by Ms. Ann Susan Aleyas, Ph.D. Scholar, Department of English, JMI.

The event was brought to an end with a Vote of Thanks by Ms. Zahra Rizvi.

To ensure a wide range of viewership and participation, the event was also live streamed on YouTube, and was attended by over a hundred participants.

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