Curriculum Vitae



Dr. Vijaya Singh Associate Professor (English) PGGC11 Chandigarh

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Education:

Certificate course in TV Direction, Film and Television Institute of India, Pune, 2015

PhD: Department of English, University of Rajasthan, Jaipur. Rajasthan, India. Verbal to Visual Icons: Forster's Novels into Films. 2004.

M.Phil: Department of English, University of Rajasthan, Jaipur. Rajasthan, India.

Page to Screen: A Passage to India. 1996.1st position in the University

Areas of Specialization

Hindi Cinema Film Adaptations

Areas of Interest:

1. Dalit Literature

2. Fiction and poetry

Academic Employment:

Teaching Experience:

- 2003-2025: Post Graduate Government College, Sector 11, Chandigarh, India.
- 2012-2018: Regional Institute of English, Sector 32 C, Chandigarh.
- 2018- to present: Post Graduate Government College, Sector 11, Chandigarh

Courses Taught:

- Literary Theory
- Literary Criticism
- British Fiction
- Indian Writings in English

Distinctions and Awards

- International Scholar, Society for History of Technology, University of Virginia, 2012-2013.
- Fellow, Indian Institute of Advanced Study, Shimla, India (2010-2012).
- Fulbright Fellowship Department of Cinema Studies TISCH New York University, New York (1999-2000).

Research Supervision: Theses awarded

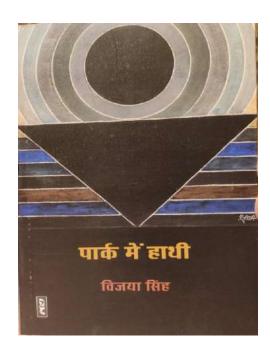
- 1. Jaydev Bishnoi: Fiction of development: A study of displacement, disaster and dispossessionin selected Indian novels. Department of English and Cultural Studies, Panjab University, Chandigarh. (17.02.2023)
- 2. Amandeep Kaur: *Image, music performance and the literary text: A study of the cinematic object in Mani Kaul.* Department of English and Cultural Studies, Panjab University, Chandigarh. (14/03/2023)

MOOC: MA in Film Studies, Central University, Kerala July-December 2019

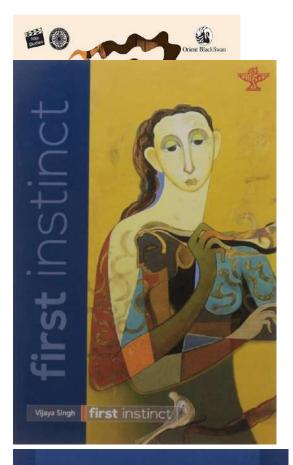
- 1. "Italian neo-realism"
- 2. Singh Vijaya and Raghavan Velikeel. "Vittorio De Sica and Bicycle thieves"
- 3. Video representation: Italian Neo-realism. (30 mins)

Books:

पार्कमेंहाथी (सेतुप्रकाशन, नॉएडा:२०२३): Book of poems in Hindi



• Level Crossing: Railway Journeys in Hindi Cinema. Orient Blackswan, New Delhi, 2017



Vijaya Singh's poetry—ironic and playful, lyrical and dramatic—speaks of false forecasts of love; of longing and parting; strategies of coping with loss; the promise and mirage of the instant and sheer wonder of life.

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Look at it this way:

lizards too have a place
in the scheme of things.

distant cousins of the dinosaurs

-would you rather have them?

they are content to keep to the walls
and snap at the buzzing fly and insect.
acrobats in their own right
flitting across walls with amazing speed.
you will agree
they have a perspective denied to us.
once in a while
allow them their fall from grace.

from, Tor a friend who can't sleep for fear of lizan

Vijaya Singh teaches English Literature at the Regional Institute of English, Chandigarh and writes on cinema and literature. She also writes poetry in Hindi. This is her first book of poems in English.





• First Instinct: A Book of Poems. SahityaAkademi, New Delhi, 2014

Research Articles:

- 1. "Laughter as Protest in Bama's *Harum-Scarum*: Saar and Other Stories" **Dialog**, No. 43 (Spring, 2024) 185-197
- 2. "Fantasy, Love and Rebellion in UdayPrakash's Warren Hastings kaSaand" IIS Univ.J.A. Vol.13 (3), 162-174 (2024)
- 3. "Raazi: That kind of Voyage, rank as honeysuckle" Dialog 38 (Autumn 2021)
- 4. बॉलीवुडकीदलित-केंद्रितफ़िल्मोंकासौन्दर्यशास्त्र। , चेतना, वर्ष१, अंक१, जनवरी जून2021
- 5. भारतमेरेलऔरसिनमा : एकअंतरगइतिहास।अकार , वर्ष२०१२, अंक५५, जून2020
- 6. "Indian railways" in Keywords for India: a conceptual lexicon for the 21st century. London: Bloomsbury, 2020. Eds: RukminiBhaya Nair and Peter Ronald deSouza.
- 7. "The colonial discourse of British Heritage Cinema" Bollywoodising literature, forging cinema; adaptation and Hindi Cinema . Ed. SimranChadda. New Delhi: Research India Press, 2015.
- 8. "Female Picaro and the Fairytale Structure: *The Dirty Picture and Kahani*". **Films and Feminism: Essays in Indian Cinema** (second edition), ed. Jasbir Jain and SudhaRai. Rawat Publications, 2015.
- 9. "Stir Slowly: Making a poem is like that" Dialog 25 (spring 2014)
- 10. "A Framework for Film Adaptation" **Filming Fiction: Satyajit Ray's Adaptations of Tagore and Premchand,** ed. M. Assaduddin and AnuradhaGhosh, New Delhi: OUP, 2012.
- 11. "To eat or not: hunger, humiliation and resistance in Dalit food narratives." **Dialog**, **No. 20 (Spring 2011).**
- 12. "Hell is the absence of the Beloved: Agha Shahid Ali and the Poetry of impossible mourning." Crossing Borders:Post 1980 Sub-continental Writing in English, ed. Jasbir Jain. Jaipur: Rawat Publications, 2009.
- 13. "Trains in Early Hindi Films: *AchutKanya* and *Ms Frontier Mail.*" **Indian Cinema**,eds. Emmanuel Grimaud and KirstieGormley. Lyon: Asiexpo Edition, 2008.
- 14. "The Colonizing discourse of the 1980s Raj Films in Britain." Creative Forum, Vol. 21 No. 1-2 Jan-Dec 2008.
- 15. "The Aesthetics of Nostalgia in the heritage Films of Merchant Ivory" Contemporary British Fiction, ed. Santosh Gupta, Jaipur: Rawat Publications, 2007
- 16. "Exteriority, space and female iconography in Deepa Mehta's *Water*". Films Literature and Culture: Deepa Mehta's Elements Trilogy, ed. Jasbir Jain. Jaipur: Rawat Publications, 2007.
- 17. "The Dance of Death on the Highways of Steel: Reading Train Journeys in Partition Stories" **Reading Partition**, **Living Partition**, ed. Jasbir Jain. Jaipur: Rawat Publications, 2006.
- 18. "Overlapping Territories, Intertwined Histories: A Passage to India" Contesting Postcolonialism, ed. Jasbir Jain. Jaipur: Rawat Publications, 2004.

Invited Talks/Jury National:

- 1. Jury member for *Campus Kavita*, organized by *Hindwi* in Department of Hindi , Allahabad University. 16th Sept. 2022.
- 2. Discussant, "Emerging new women writers in Hindi" Katha –Samakhya. 28- 30 the October 2022. Orcha, MP

Invited lectures in international seminars

- 1. "Talking India: conversations in train compartments" **T2M international Summer School**,organized by the **Center of Technology and Society Berlin** and German Technology Museum on *The Passenger: Mobility in Modernity*. 30th Sept to 6th Oct 2011.
- 2. "Intruding upon the stationary: the journey of a thousand miles and a thousand looks" at **TheNational Railway Museum York, UK.** 12th Oct. 2011
- 3. "The tenuous and tenacious space of the nation: the logarithm of discontent" Department of History, Leeds Trinity College, UK 17th Oct. 2011
- 4. "Intruding upon the stationary: the journey of a thousand miles and a thousand looks" Department of Sociology, **Bogazici University**, **Istanbul**. 21st Oct. 2011.

Papers presented at international /national seminars/conferences

Sl. No.	Year	Paper presented	Conference/ seminar
1.	11/01/2025	Talk: <i>BhuvanShome</i> (1916, Film)	Talking films online
2	17-19 Dec 2024	Mobility, intimacy and incarceration: women travellers in Hindi literature of 20 th century.	XXVII Annual international Conference. Migrations: Old and New
3	15/11/2024	Invited to read poetry	Veereniyat 06: India Habitat Centre, New Delhi
4	10/04/2023	Conducted a workshop: A bird hovers, a word	Guru Gobind Singh Khalsa college for Women, sector 26, Chandigarh

		hovers: Creative	
		writing	
5	21 Dec 2018	Woman as	Short-term course:
		spectacle, woman	sensitizing gender.
		as subject: tales of	ASC, PU, Chd
		cinematic	
		representation	
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6	21-27April, 2018	New Perceptions	Orientation
		and subjectivities:	Programme,
		railways and cinema	DSPCW, Ferozepur
		as carriers of	
		modernity	
7	15-16 March, 2018	Laughter as Dissent:	Chasscong, Panjab
		Harum, scarum,	University,
		saar and other	Chnadigarh
		stories	
8	21-27 April, 2017	How to read a Film:	Orientation
		the basics elements	Programme,
		of Film	DSPCW, Ferozepur
9	20-22 Feb, 2014.	The Railway	IACLALS, PU,
		Journey and the	Chandigarh
		Solitude of Love	
10	2013	The train	Presentation at IIAS,
	4 Sept	compartment:	Shimla .
		Female traveler and	
		the journey of love	
11	2013	Liminal spaces of	IIT Bombay.
		exchange: arrival as	Disnarration: The
	1-2 March	departure and	road not taken
		departure as arrival	
12	2013	Female traveler and	Panjab University,
	18-19 Jan	the journey to	Chandigarh.
		selfhood	National
			conference: Popular
			Culture, Films and
			Media
13	2012	Tracking	IIAS, Shimla
	16-18 Oct	fascination:	International
		Mobilizing the gaze	conference: Hindi

			cinema@ 100: A
			Retrospective
14	2012	Imaging the nation	IIAS, Shimla
14	10-12 May	in Hindi cinema of	National
	10-12 Way	the 1940s	conference: The
		1110 17408	nation unbound:
			India in the 1940s
15	2012	Rail Tracks:	Presentation at IIAS,
13	22 March	Mobilizing the Gaze	Shimla.
	22 March	Widomizing the Gaze	As a Fellow
16	2011	Intruding upon the	International
10	6- 9 Oct.	stationary: The	conference: T2M,
	0- 9 Oct.	Journey of a	Berlin
		thousand miles and	9 th Annual
		a thousand looks	conference of the
		a thousand looks	International
			Association for the
			history of transport,
			traffic and mobility,
17	2011	Talking India:	International
17	30- 6 Oct	Conversations in	Summer School,
	30 0 00	train compartments	Passenger in
			mobility. Berlin
18	2010	Third class train	International
	2-5 Dec.	Compartment:	conference: 8 th
		Maheep Singh's	Annual conference
		Short stories	of the T2M, at new
			Delhi
19	2010	Hunger, humiliation	International Dalit
	19-25 July	and resistance in	Study Week, IIAS,
		Dalit food	Shimla
		narratives	
20	2010	Faster than fairies,	Presentation at IIAS
	9 Sept.	faster than witches:	As a Fellow
21	2009	The Burning Train:	International
	29-31 Jan	the tenuous and	conference: Media,
		tenacious space of	culture and
		the nation	Ideology,
			Osmania University,
			Hyderabad.

22	2009 15-16 Aug	The revenge of the subaltern	International seminar: Exploring cultural relocations and hybrid identities. Institute for research in interdisciplinary studies, Jaipur
23	2008 25-27 Sept	Disability as a metaphor for sanity: Railway platform (1955)	National seminar: Rethinking ability/ disability: Reflections on representations in Indian cinema. Institute for research in interdisciplinary studies, Jaipur
24	2007 20-22 Sept.	Postcards from exile	International seminar: Post 1980s Sub-continental writing in English: borders, border theories and crossing borders
25	2007 17-19 Feb	Space, exteriority and female iconography in Deepa Mehta's Water	International seminar: The diasporic eye: theory and cultural interpretation
26	2007 11—13 Jan	Wheels of death: Train journeys in partitions narratives	International conference: Indian association for Commonwealth literature and language studies and BHU, Banaras
27	2006 15-17 Sept	Politicizing aesthetics: the personal narrative in Dalit literature	National seminar: Personal is political. Institute for research in interdisciplinary

28	2006 23-25 Nov	A frame-work for film adaptations	studies and department of English, university of Rajasthan, Jaipur. International conference on Fiction into Film: Satyajit Ray's interpretations of Tagore and Premchand. Jamia, MilliaIslamia, New Delhi
29	2005 11-12 Nov	Adaptation as critique: contextualizing some recent trends	National seminar: Comparative literary studies in India: problem, context and possibilities. MohanlalSukhadia University, Udaipur
30	2002 26-28 Sept.	The aesthetics of nostalgia in the heritage films of Merchant Ivory	National seminar: Contemporary British fiction: challenge to theory. University of Rajasthan, Jaipur
31	2001 4-6 Jan	Colony as residue: Raj films of the 1980s	Annual conference
32	1998 6-7 Nov	Literature vs Popular culture: Upamanyu Chatterjee's English August	Debating the contemporary: issues in English fiction of the Subcontinent.

			Mohanlal Sukhadia
			University, Udaipur
33	1998	A Passage to India:	National seminar:
	20-22 March	Lean vs Forster.	Travel writing and
			the Empire.

Research Grants

Major Research Project: Trains in the literary and cinematic imagination of India, 2008-

2011; UGC No: F. No. 5-244/2007 (HRP) dated: March 1, 2008

Completion: April 2011

Professional Associations/ Activities

1. Member JAAC (NEP) Panjab University: 2023-24

- 2. **Member, Board of Post-graduate Studies**, Department of English, Panjab University 2019-21
- 3. **Executive member** International Association of History of Transport, Traffic and Mobility, T2M 2011-2013

Organizer

- 1. **International seminar on** *Hindi Cinema @Hundred: A Retrospective* at the Indian Institute of Advanced Study, Shimla, India. 16-18th Oct 2012
- 2. International workshop on *The Travelling Public: Perceptions and Representations of the Indian Railways*. at the Indian Institute of Advanced Study, Shimla. India. 7-8th Dec 2010
- 3. **National Seminar on** *Rethinking Modernism*. March 2007. PG Govt. College, Sector 11, Chandigarh, India. March 2007.

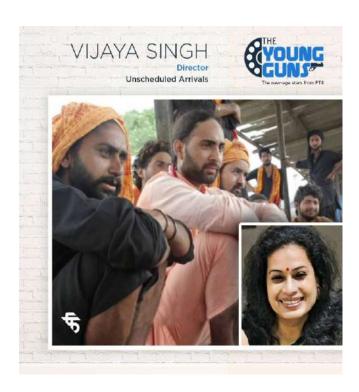
Participant:

- 1. Theatre appreciation Course: National School of Drama, New Delhi June, 2012
- Refresher Course in English and Cultural Studies at Academic Staff College, 6 26 March , 2010. Panjab University, Chandigarh. Grade A

- 3. **Refresher Course** in Modern European Languages at ASC, 9- 28 Nov 2009. University of Rajasthan, Jaipur. **Grade A**
- Refresher Course in English at ASC, 13Jan -1 Feb 2003. University of Pune.
 Grade A
- 5. **National workshop** on Philosophical foundations of the discourses of Science" organized by the Forum on Contemporary Theory, Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda. 29-31 Oct, 2002.
- 6. Film Appreciation course: National Film Archive and Film and Television Institute of India, 19 May 14 June, 1997

Areas of Personal Interests and achievements:

Film Direction:



Unscheduled Arrivals (documentary) FTII, Pune 2015

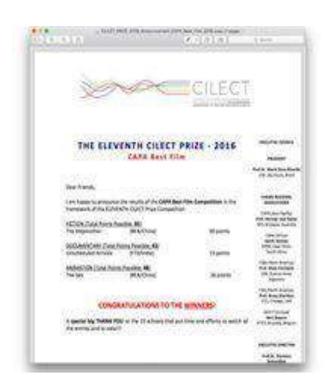
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=97L2ku21nKE

Won the prestigious CILECT Asia Pacific Award (CAPA) for best documentary at CILECT competition, 2016. Griffith University, Australia

Selected in competition section: Eastern Global Short Film Awards, 2016

Selected in competition section, SIGNS 2016, Kochi

Selected as part of FTII's outstanding student works for screening at 16th International Students Film and Video festival at Beijing Film Academy, 2017





Unscheduled Arrivals screened on Doordarshan (DD1) on 19/08/2018 as part of First CUT: FTII Films

Andhere Mein (Fiction, Adaptation of NirmalVerma's story Andheremein), FTII,



Pune 2016

 $\underline{https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rnh3eXl0pmM}$

Won best short fiction at SIGNS Film festival, Kochi, 2017

Special Mention at XVI Imagine India international film festival, Madrid, DEC 2016.

 $\underline{\text{Selected in competition}}\ \underline{\text{section at Pune international film festival}}, \underline{\text{Pune}}\ , 2017$





Sept 2017, Kochi, 11th John Abraham National Award (SIGNS festival) Best Short Fiction.

Creative writing:



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https://blog.hindwi.org/isk-2021-ikkeesvin-sadi-ki-kavita-by-hindwi/

Featured as one among 21 poets selected by *Hindwi* to look out for in Hindi poetry



विजया सिंह की कविताएँ

₹ मुझे संवेदनों की महीनता और दृष्टि की व्यापकता में व्युत्कमानुपाती संबंध लगता है। संवेदन जितने महीन होंने दृष्टि या विजन उतनी ही व्यापक होगी। इसी से विकसित होती है संवेदन प्रणाली जो संवेदनों को एक व्यापक विस्तार देती है। इसी प्रणाली के जरिये हम कविता के वृहत्तर आयामों को पा सकते हैं। विजया सिंह ऐसी ही युवा कवियत्री हैं जिनके पास कविता की एक व्यापक दृष्टि है। पाठकों को यह कभी विषय वैविध्य तो कभी कविता के ट्रीटमेंट के स्तर पर अनुभूत होती है। पहली कविता 'पार्क में हाथी' में कवित्रत्री मानो कार्बनिक विकासवाद का नया आख्यान रचती दिखाई पहती है। हाथी जैसा पुरातन जीव वहाँ एक निर्मित्त है जिसकी आँखों से मानव का कथित विकास, हिंसा, यूणा, प्रेम और करूणा को पढ़ा जा सकता है। कविषयी विजया सिंह ने मामूली-सी जान पड़ती, दृश्यों से ओझल वस्तुओं को अपनी कविताओं का विषय बनाया है। रजाई, आलू, छिपकलियाँ, मच्छर, तिकया, एल्बम जैसे विषय उनकी किवता में आकर जीवंत हो उठते हैं फिर नए अर्थो और आशय में कविता में खुलते हैं। रजाई उनके लिए जहाँ एक ओर बुढ़ापे की निशानी है तो दूसरी ओर सिनेमा के पर्दे के आविष्कार का सबब भी। उनके सरोकार वैश्विक हैं। सूक्ष्म प्रेक्षणों और गहन संवेदनों के सहारे वे यातनागृहों तक पहुंचती हैं जहाँ किसी मनुष्य को नींद से वंचित रख सताया जा सकता है-'रजाई अनकही की साम्राज्ञी है/ जो जीवन की कठिन से कठिन पड़ी को नींद को सपि देना चाहती है।' अब देखिए 'छिपकलियाँ' कविता को। हमारे समकालीन साहित्य की आलोचना पर एक कटाक्षा ष्टिपकलियों की गतिविधियाँ वहाँ एक अलग ही नैरेटिव रचती हैं। छिपकली वदि वहाँ एक भूकम्प है तो 'समझदार आलोचक' उसकी एपीसेंटर। 'कीट पतंगों को छोटी चमकदार आँखों से तकना' क्या अद्भुत इमेजरी है। 'मच्छर' कविता में मलेरिया का ही नहीं सुन्दर संगीत का भी वाहक है। यहाँ केवल 'विट' नहीं उससे अधिक कुछ है। आपके रूग्ण मेटाबॉलिज्म को परिभाषित करने का एक सर्जनात्मक साहस । तभी तो वह मच्छर आपके खून के आदिम संगीत का ग्राहक हो पाता है। और अंत में ताली। वह ताली जो 'प्रतिभा' के सम्मान में बजते हुए कब उसी का अंत कर देती है, पता ही नहीं चलता। 'यदि कामदेव ने उबले आलू का चोखा और विपस के थाल महादेव को प्रस्तुत किए होते तो उल्फत में इतना उत्पात न मचता' यह निष्कर्ष है 'आलू' कविता का। आलू की साधारणता का इतना असाधारण और गहन आख्यान विजया सिंह जैसी प्रतिभाशाली कवित्री ही संभव कर सकती है। 'फैमिली एल्बम' के जरिये वे एक परिवार का आत्मीय दृश्य उपस्थित करती हैं लेकिन सामाजिक सरोकारों के साय। लेकिन जैसा कि कहा उनकी चिन्ताएँ वैश्विक हैं और एप्रोच बहुआयामी तो फिर वह पर्यावरण की चिंता में भी उदास हो जाती है। रेहाना जेब्बारी पर लिखी कविता स्त्री विमर्श को अलग ही कोण से उकेरती है। हम औरतों को आत्मरक्षा के प्रशिक्षण हेतु प्रेरित करते हैं लेकिन ईरान ने रेहाना को इस आत्मरक्षा के प्रवास हेतु मात्र २६ वर्ष की उम्र में मृत्युदण्ड दे दिया था। बता र्दें कि रेहाना जेब्बारी एक बेहद खूबसूरत महिला थी जिस पर एक अफसर की हत्या का आरोप था जो उसका बलात्कार करने की कोशिश कर रहा वा। 'पुराना तिकवा' एक मार्मिक कविता है। तिकवा विजया के लिए अंतरमन का प्रथम प्रहरी है। वह हमारे आँसू, राल और सिर के तेल से भलीभांति परिचित है और इस तरह हमारे सुख-दुख से भी। इस तरह तिकवा कविता में आकर मनुष्य की आंतरिकता की अंतिम शरणस्थली बन जाता है। 'खरगोश या पत्थर' एक अंतरण की कविता है। प्रतीकों के जरिये व्यक्तित्वांतरण की प्रक्रिया। यह एक अंडरटोन कविता जरूर है लेकिन अपने अभिप्राय में स्पष्ट है। और इमेजरी देखिए-'क्वोंकि सांभर वकी हुई सब्जियों का बोझ ले सकता था। '26 जनवरी 2017' कविता में गणतंत्र दिवस उत्सव के वर्णन के

जिरये वे 'टोकन नेशनिलज्म' पर भी कटाक्ष करती हैं। किव की दृष्टि टीवी स्क्रीन से अचानक हट कर मिणपुर के उस न दिखाए जा रहे दृश्य तक पहुँचती है जहाँ बारिश में भीगा तिरंगा फहराने से इन्कार करता है। 'सीरिया और इराक के बच्चों के लिए' किवता में तानाशाह सत्ता, युद्ध और आतंक के साए में युट रही बच्चों की सांसें हैं। दुर्दान्व दृश्यों को साक्षात् करते हुए अंत में प्रार्थना है कि २१ जून की सबसे छोटी रात तो कम-अज-कम बच्चों को सोने दिया जाए। यह मार्मिक प्रार्थना मानवता के पक्ष में छेड़ा गया अद्भुत संगीत है। विजया सिंह एक बेहद प्रज्ञावान कवियत्री हैं। सयन संवेदन और व्यापक दृष्टिबोध एक किवता को किस तरह बड़ी कविता बनाते हैं यह विजया का किवत्व हमें बताता है।



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