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Ecosophical Foundation for the Study of Literature and Environment

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A Two-day International Seminar

In association with

**Mahatma Gandhi Govt. College, Mayabunder, North-Middle Andaman,
A&N Islands**

on

Embodied Ecologies and Sacred Landscapes: Interpreting Indian Knowledge Tradition on Island Spaces

This EFSLE International Seminar (ISOIS 2026) aims to foreground “embodied ecologies” not merely as metaphor but as lived practice: the sensorial, corporeal and ritual engagements through which communities remember and sustain island environments. It also invites critical attention to “sacred landscapes” as dynamic, contested spaces where indigenous ontologies, state conservation regimes, blue economy projects, and hydrocolonial histories intersect. Reading island spaces through Indian knowledge traditions allows us to ask how story, song, pilgrimage, local taboo, and everyday labour inscribe ecological ethics into bodies and environments, and how these inscriptions travel across Oceans, Diasporas and Transregional networks.

Being a multidisciplinary and an interdisciplinary conference, original research papers from all the streams are most welcome to discuss such grave issues largely related but not exclusively limited to the following:

Sub-Themes:

1. Island imaginaries in Indian epics, purāṇas and regional oral traditions.
2. Sacred groves, hill-temples and river-islands as ecocritical case studies in India.
3. Blue humanities approaches to Indian Ocean island literatures and visual cultures.
4. Hydrocolonial histories, port cities and archipelagic memory in South Asian writing.
5. Indigenous eco-cosmologies and sacred islanded spaces (forests, caves, waterfalls).
6. Temple tanks, stepwells and water-bodies as ritual islands and ecological infrastructures.
7. Pilgrimage circuits, coastal monasteries and shrine networks as sacred seascapes.
8. Indian philosophical concepts (*prakṛti*, *panchabhūta*, *rta*, *dharma*) and ecological ethics on islands.
9. Climate change, rising seas, and narratives of displacement in Indian and Indian Ocean fiction.
10. Gendered, Dalit, and indigenous embodiments of island labour, fisheries and coastal resilience.
11. Environmental jurisprudence, rights of nature, and sacred landscapes in Indian and Latin American dialogues.
12. Comparative studies of Andaman–Nicobar, Lakshadweep, and other island regions as sacred ecologies.
13. Oceanic pedagogy, ecospiritual movements, and community-based conservation in island contexts.
14. Visual, performative and digital arts engaging sacred island landscapes and ecological memory.
15. Methodological reflections on archipelagic thinking, geophilosophy and decolonial ecologies in Indian contexts.

- Deadline for Submission of Abstracts: **15 September 2026**
- Abstract of **300** words with **5** keywords must be mailed at md@efsle.org
Mention **“ISOIS 2026”** in the subject line.

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