

VIT • VELLORE INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY
ONE DAY NATIONAL WORKSHOP ON

INTERDISCIPLINARY RESEARCH ROADS IN MEMORY STUDIES

17 SEPTEMBER 2026 | 10:00 AM | DR AMBEDKAR AUDITORIUM, TECHNOLOGY TOWER, VIT VELLORE

PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

9:30 – 10:00 AM	Registration
10:00 – 10:30 AM	Inaugural Session & Keynote Address Interdisciplinary Research Roads in Memory Studies
10:30 – 11:30 AM	Session I Sustainable Memory Ecology, Entangled Environments and Multi-materiality in a Post Digital Age: A Case Study of Memorybytes
11:30 – 11:45 AM	Refreshments
11:45 AM – 1:00 PM	Session II The Covid-19 Crisis Chronotope: The Pandemic as matter, metaphor and memory
1:00 – 2:00 PM	Lunch Break
2:00 – 3:30 PM	Session III Neuroscience: Driving forward a new perspective on everyday memory in the real world & Interactions with participants
3:30 – 3:45 PM	Tea Break
3:45 – 4:30 PM	Feedback, Valedictory & Certificate Distribution Workshop takeaways, participants' feedback, and concluding remarks

WORKSHOP OVERVIEW

Memory Studies is inherently interdisciplinary as memory cannot be understood solely through one academic lens. Psychology may examine individual and cognitive memory, while history investigates the ways societies remember and interpret the past. Literature and cultural studies explore how memories are represented through narratives, poetry, films, and other artistic forms. Sociology and anthropology examine collective, cultural, and social memory, while media and digital studies investigate how technology influences the preservation and circulation of memories.

The workshop aims to provide a platform for participants to engage with faculty from various disciplines, eminent scholars, refine their perspectives on memory studies, and discuss contemporary literary and cultural theories. Memory Studies examines how memory is transmitted across individuals and societies, draws on disciplines such as literature, psychology, sociology, history, cultural studies, engineering and commerce to offer diverse perspectives that deepen our understanding of memory. Through interactive sessions, hands-on activities, and engaging discussions, participants will enhance their analytical skills and gain insights into advanced research techniques.

OBJECTIVES OF THE WORKSHOP

- ◆ To introduce interdisciplinary research roads in Memory Studies.
- ◆ To explore interdisciplinary approaches in neuroscience and English Studies.
- ◆ To explore decoding anxiety in contemporary cultures of health.
- ◆ To facilitate interactive sessions on mysterious, mischievous, and memory machine.
- ◆ To provide insights on Memory Studies and post-colonial writing.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Dr Avishek Parui

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EVENT DETAILS

□ September 17, 2026

□ 10:00 AM

□ Dr Ambedkar Auditorium, Floor 7,
Technology Tower, VIT

ORGANIZED BY

Department of English
School of Social Sciences and Languages
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Vellore Institute of Technology (VIT) was founded in 1984 as Vellore Engineering College by Chancellor Dr. G. Viswanathan. VIT attracts students from all 29 states of India and more than 41 different countries because of its academic excellence. VIT was established with the aim of providing quality higher education on par with international standards. VIT has been constantly ranked among the best universities and is aspiring to emerge as a global leader. VIT has already been ranked by major international ranking agencies such as Shanghai ARWU Ranking, QS, Times Higher Education, US News, RUR, and others. VIT sets the record as eight of the subjects made their way to the prestigious Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) World University Rankings (WUR) by Subject in 2023. Seven subjects of VIT are within the top 450 QS World University Rankings by Subject. VIT has national accreditation from the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC), Govt. of India with an A++ grade.

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RESOURCE PERSON

Dr. Avishek Parui, Ph.D. (Durham, UK), Associate Professor of English and Memory Studies at IIT Madras, will be the resource person. His distinguished expertise in this field undoubtedly qualifies him to lead this event.

EXPECTED OUTCOMES

- ◆ Develop a deeper understanding of contemporary research in Memory Studies.
- ◆ Enhance their understanding in Sustainable Memory Ecology, Entangled Environments and Multi-materiality in a post digital age.
- ◆ Engage with peers and experts in meaningful academic discussions.
- ◆ Gain insights into interdisciplinary approaches in Neuroscience and Memory Studies.

REGISTRATION DETAILS

Fee: Rs. 400/- including GST (for both external and VITians)

Mode of Payment: Access the link below and make the payment.

Payment Link: <https://events.vit.ac.in/>

Registration Deadline: September 14, 2026

Certificate: Hard copies of certificates will be provided to all the registered Participants.

Registration will be confirmed only after payment and submission of the registration form.