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A National Workshop

Pedagogy of General Semantics as a Mode of Communication

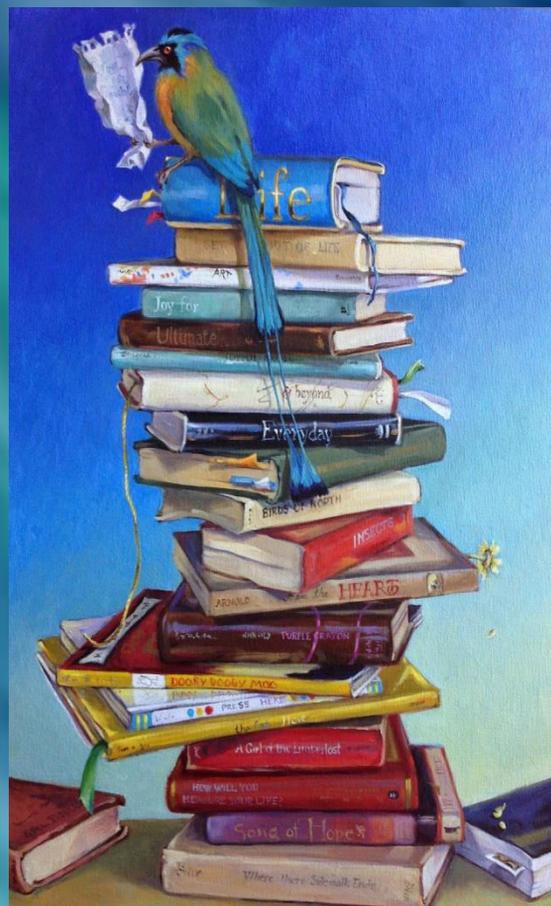
30-31 March 2019

Venue: Vikram Deb Autonomous College, Koraput, Jeypore, Odisha

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The Workshop will consist of lectures by experts on General Semantics, who will relate the theories of General Semantics to the class-room teaching practices and will attempt to introduce the methods of inductive logic rather than the deductive logic of the present times, which makes the students dull and insipid so far as their creativity is concerned. Since it is a Workshop, participants are required to be proactive in the Class Room, ready to engage the teachers in dialogue, and also to answer the questions and quizzes generated in the class room.



The payment of the registration fee (Rs. 1000/-) can be made through a multi-city cheque or bank draft drawn in the name of “Balvant Parekh Centre for GS and OHS” payable in Baroda. You may transfer the money directly to our account and the details of bank transfer will be shared with you on request. Please check the website www.balvantparekhcentre.org.in for detailed information.

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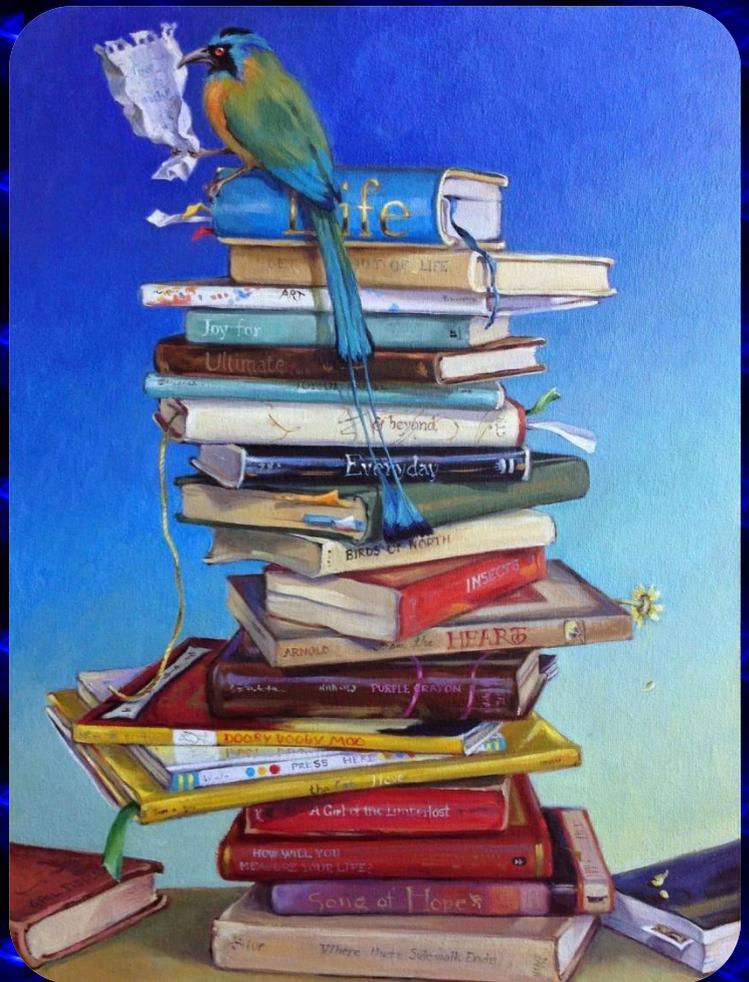
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dealing with a text in the class-room, the learner is to be guided to pick up the object level experience which is concerned with their sensory experience. The description of the detailed data in the text is more rewarding than paraphrasing of the same which is usually done in the traditional class-rooms. All this pertains to the second level, i.e. object level. In the third stage, the label level, what is important is the abstraction process which leads to evaluation or interpretation. These three levels of Structural Differential do not operate in a linear fashion, but in a jump-on fashion. The other great marker of General Semantics is the admittance of differences both in sensuous grappling of the object and in evaluation or interpretation of the object. As the sensuous responses to an object differ from reader to reader, and the thalamo-cortical evaluation of the object is not something which is given, there will be scope for the reader to submit his/ her independent and different opinion on the object itself.

The other side to the reading strategy of Korzybski's Structural Differential is "time-binding." As a conscious being, Man has been endowed with free will to choose the higher order of abstractions and preserve the same for the future mankind. Like T.S. Eliot, Korzybski, too, says that Man has the capacity to build Tradition which is of course subject to constant transformation, depending on the historical situations and the dictates of Nature. As Time-binder, Man will create literature, sociology, myths and folklore which will be the treasure-trove of abiding peace and sanity for the mankind.

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Registration

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Application Format

The following format should be used for sending applications for participation in the workshop:

Name

Gender

Contact Details (including telephone number and email ID)

Institutional Affiliation

Areas of Academic Interest and Teaching

Venue of the Workshop

Jeypore (Koraput) is a beautiful town of great historical significance. With the vestiges of royal kingdom in the city, Jeypore is a picturesque town with wonderful landscape all around, surrounded by green verdures and mountains, lakes and rivers. At the moment, it is a temperate climate. Thin woolen linen will make you comfortable in the wee hours of the day.

The participants are to make their own travel arrangements. It is on the loop route of South Eastern Railways, with two good trains, namely Howrah-Koraput Express and Hirakhand Express from Bhubaneswar to Jeypore. Accommodation could be arranged on payment in advance.

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