Ulhasnagar. The fee will take care of the cost of reading material, lunch and tea during the workshop. Out station participants are requested to bear their own travel expenses. We shall be happy to offer suggestions on accommodation to outstation participants if approached latest by 5 December 2012.

Deadline for Application and Call for Papers:

The last date for registration is 5 December 2012. The Participation Form along with the Demand Draft should be sent to Dr Deepa Mishra, Chairperson, International Programme Committee, Smt CHM College, Ulhasnagar-3. Course material will be mailed only after receiving the registration fee. Also a list of preparatory reading will be made available with links for download from the World Wide Web for registered participants. The fee is non-refundable. Those participants who wish to present their papers during the Workshop-Conference should send a 300 words abstract by 5 December 2012. Abstract may be sent on (mshrdp@yahoo.co.in) as an attachment, with “Submission of Abstract” typed on the subject field. The abstract must also contain authors’ names, institutional affiliations, email and postal address. Papers should be in line with the central theme of the Conference. However participants can also feel free to write papers in their respective discipline linking issues with General-Semantics. Papers can also be submitted on any of the following sub-themes in relation to General-Semantics:

- Pedagogy
- Health
- Development
- Higher Education
- Environment
- Ethics
- Identity
- Creativity
- Linguistics

Acceptance of abstract will be communicated by email by 10 December 2012. A soft copy of the completed paper (4000-5000 words) confirming to MLA Style Sheet should be emailed on (mshrdp@yahoo.co.in) by 3 January 2013. Selected papers presented in the conference shall be published in an edited volume with ISBN number.

Key Deadlines:

- Last date for Registration and Submission of Abstract: 5 December 2012
- Confirmation of acceptance of the Abstract: 10 December 2012
- Submission of complete paper: 3 January 2013

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“A Transdisciplinary Inquiry into Acquisition of Knowledge – A General-Semantics Perspective”

on

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Introduction:
Since it is assumed that academic pursuits are aimed at the acquisition of knowledge (in all its shades of meaning), the dominant perspective on what the term 'knowledge' itself means (the what of knowledge) and the modes (disciplines) in which these varied disciplines are to materialize the goal of knowledge acquisition (the how of knowledge) is and has been a central concern. Though the dominant tradition of "specialized inquiry" or the matrix of confined disciplinary inquiries have ruled for the majority of the past century, the voice of interdisciplinary and multi-disciplinary inquiries has also found a sympathetic and the past few decades a very forceful, academic attention. This one-day International Seminar-Workshop, "A Transdisciplinary Inquiry into Acquisition of Knowledge – A General-Semantics Perspective", is aimed at fueling an academic debate around the crucial need for transdisciplinarity through a comprehensive view of epistemological evolutions. The participants will be exposed to the epistemological principles laid down by Alfred Korzybski's "General Semantics" that emphasize the centrality of the subject as one of the most important approaches in pursuing any kind of certainty cutting across man-made disciplines of knowledge.

Concept Note:
One can safely say that Western Epistemological debates are deeply rooted in the notion of "certainty". The centrality of this notion can be simply realized from the pivotal role it assumes in the traditionally accepted, and tacitly employed, notion of "knowledge" as a justifed true belief where "certainty" is the primary mark of truth. Thus much of the early debates in philosophic discourses can all be seen as firmly embedded in the view that truth must reflect the state of affairs without distortion, and hence "truth" necessitated the implicit demand that one be in a position to access the state of affairs as they actually stand. It was perhaps only with the rise of Kant that this demand came to be seen as a near impossible one to meet. Kant however, managed to retain the centrality of the notion of "certainty" by internalizing it as a condition of the state of affairs itself by embedding the notion of "knowing" thereby managing to break the notion of "certainty" free from the ontological demand of standing the test of the actual state of affairs. Kant's philosophy thus positions the knower as the central epistemological moderator rather than the known. However, devoted to excellence in teaching and research. Our objective is to encourage students to explore ideas, challenge boundaries, investigate fresh ways of thinking, and stimulate their minds intellectually and creatively. The formation of an 'International Programme Committee' in the college in accordance with the vision of Principal Dr (Mrs) Bhavna Motwani, is a significant step to further consolidate our efforts.

Keynote Speaker:
Bruce Kodish will deliver the keynote address. Bruce had the privilege of studying and working as a colleague with some of Alfred Korzybski's closest co-workers at the Institute of General Semantics (IGS) in the final decades of the 20th Century. He received a PhD in Applied Epistemology /General-Semantics from the Union Institute and University in 1996. In 1993 Kodish was chosen as Literary Executor of the Alfred Korzybski Literary Estate. His works include Drive Yourself Sane: Using the Uncommon Sense of General Semantics (with wife Susan Presby Kodish), Dare to Inquire, Back Pain Solution and Korzybski: A Biography. He and Susan received the IGS’s J. Talbot Winchell Award in 1998 for their contributions to the wider understanding of general -semantics. As an independent scholar-researcher, writer, speaker, teacher and consultant, Bruce now offers presentations and seminar-workshops on Radical General-Semantics. He also works as a physical therapist in Pasadena, California, USA.

Faculty:
Pravesh Jung G., is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Humanitiesairs. He has a Ph.D. in Philosophy. He has published his articles in various international Journals and has numerous presentations in the field of Moral Theory, Alfred Korzybski - General Semantics' and related areas, Wittgenstein and Sartre.

Registration:
We invite applications from academicians, artists, research scholars and post graduate students from all disciplines.

Registration Fee:
- Academicians, Artists & Research Scholars: Rs 800/-
- Post Graduate Students: Rs 250/-

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