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'Sahitya Goshthhi' Features Readings and Panel with Hindi Writers

Six critically-acclaimed Hindi writers will visit Yale on 2-3 April 2004 to participate in "Sahitya Goshthhi: Hindi Literature in the Diaspora." Umesh Agnihotri, Susham Bedi, Dhanajay Kumar, Madhu Maheshwari, Gulshan Madhur, and Vishkha Thakker will discuss Hindi literature in the South Asian diaspora as part of a Master's Tea at Calhoun College on April 2 at 4:30 PM. On April 3, at the Whitney Humanities Center, the writers will read from and discuss their writings and participate in writing workshops with Yale students enrolled in Hindi.

'Sahitya Goshthhi' is convened by Seema Khurana, Hindi Lector in the Department of Linguistics and the South Asian Studies Council and sponsored by the Rustgi Family Fund and the Edward J. and Dorothy Clarke Kempf Fund with support from the South Asian Studies Council, Calhoun College, and the Yale Center for International and Area Studies. All events are open to the public and the Yale community. Registration is free, but required by contacting the South Asian Studies Council at south.asia@yale.edu or 203.432.9343. A complete schedule of the activities is available at www.yale.edu/ycias/southasia/events/hindi_lit.htm.

Hindi has been taught at Yale since 1999 and currently, Yale offers year-long language courses at the beginning and intermediate levels and a semester-long advanced literature course. Hindi will be one of three South Asian languages taught at Yale, with Sanskrit have been taught at Yale since the 1840s and with Tamil entering the curriculum in 2004.

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