



## THE ESSENTIALS OF ACADEMIC WRITING

The Women's Studies Centre in collaboration with the Department of English And Foreign Languages organised a workshop "*The Essentials of Academic Writing*" on 29<sup>th</sup> October 2024 at Women's Studies Centre, CUSAT. The resource person for the day was Dr. Anna Karin Roo, an English language expert specialising in academic writing from The Washington State University (WSU). The class was scheduled from 10.AM. Dr. Asha Gopalakrishnan, Director of Women Studies Centre-CUSAT, delivered the welcome note and addressed the gathering. The participants includes research scholars from various departments of CUSAT.



Dr. Asha Gopalakrishnan addressing the session

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Dr. Anna Karin Roo acknowledged the existence of the *writer's block*, time management issues, multitasking issues etc suggested the need to develop writing skills to overcoming all these which gave the participants a much-needed reassurance.

The participants had the opportunity to interact with the speaker throughout the session. A dedicated question answer segment provided the opportunity to clarify the doubts and concerns of the scholars. The speaker carefully answered all the questions raised by pointing real life incidence from the view point of women.



Dr. Anna Karin Roo in her experience sharing session

The eminent speaker, with her extensive experience in dealing with academicians of various parts of the world, enriched the session. The session provided a chance for the scholars, particularly those who are in their initial stage of research, an opportunity to reflect on the do's and don'ts of Academic Writing.



Photos of participants

In short, by attending the writing master class led by this language expert provided



participants with valuable and enriching experiences in their research life.

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Number of participants: 30

Venue: Women's Studies Centre, CUSAT