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Name of the Event: Book club meet on tender is the flesh

Organised by: The English Society

Date of the Event: 26th October, 2024

Name of Convener: Dr. Maitri Baruah, Dr. Meenakshi Malhotra

Event Description (About 250 Words)

On 26th October, Book Club, The English Society Of Hansraj College, held an insightful discussion on Tender Is The Flesh by Agustina Bazterrica. Since it is supposed to be a very volatile book, we started the discussion with trigger warnings. The Book Club Head also gave a short summary to recollect the book for everyone which included the main points like animals that were infected in the book, mass hysteria, institutionalised cannibalism, blind following, and how the underprivileged were the most affected in the book.

Then everyone put forth their views on the most burning theme of the book that they found as literature students: how the language and words are taken away from the people in the book, both literally and figuratively. In fact, in the book, language and euphemisms are weaponized in a way that they conceal the ugliness of what is actually happening.

Students also pointed out how the authorial voice is beautifully descriptive and how it's masterfully able to elicit disgust. After that, everyone came to the central character, Marcus, and just how much of an unreliable and detached narrator he is. Some even connected the book to a sort of Hegelian reading.

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In fact, a lot of different types of readings were put out by students; some talked about how this book is a direct metaphor for capitalism and just like how cannibalism is institutionalized in the story, capitalism also instructs people to “eat” each other to move up and forward. Because, the students said, it is so obvious that the poor are the biggest sufferers of the cannibalism in the book. Systematic commodification was put forward as an extension of this metaphor and a couple of people went out and related it to the hoarding mentality that took place during the pandemic.

The discussion was brought to a close by mentioning some of the most important quotes from the book and it was also spotlighted that the lack of the names in the book makes people in there a prototype instead of individuals and thus the story a cautionary tale.

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