

Film Screening

The Department of English screened the film **Mona Lisa smile** (2003) for English Hons. students in the college seminar hall on 22 August, 2022. This film was screened with relation to the Women's Writing paper in semester V.

The subject of the film is not completely in the past as women today are still questioned about balancing their household duties with a job. Modern art and Mona Lisa's smile help deliver the message about societal norms as Julia Roberts convinces her class to question everything. Teaching history of art, they raise the question of Mona Lisa's smile that is ultimately linked to women, in general, being told to smile and be pleasant regardless of their feelings.

The star cast and thought process behind the movie do deliver, making it an interesting and thought-provoking watch.

The screening came as a welcome respite after a break of more than two long years, which made impossible the joy of watching and discussing film together in a room. Hopefully, it will inspire the students to not just watch more, but also engage in a fruitful discussion of what it means to see something that enriches one's mind and propels one towards further discussion.

