

# The British Academy Writing Workshops 2018 Hyderabad, 10-14 December 2018 "Global Southern Epistemologies"

### CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

The Department of Comparative Literature of the School of Literary Studies in the English and Foreign Languages University (EFLU) in Hyderabad, India and the School of Languages, Cultures, Art History & Music at the University of Birmingham invite applications for the *Global Southern Epistemologies Workshop*, to take place in Hyderabad, India, from 10 to 14 December 2018. With the support of the British Academy and the Global Challenges Research Fund, the workshop will bring together a team of scholar and editors based in Europe as well as senior academics from South Asia, and Early-Career Researchers (ECRs) from across the Global South. The workshop will encourage and support ECRs from the Global South to develop scholarly publications for major international journals, to prepare internationally competitive funding bids, to build scholarly networks across the humanities and social sciences, and to develop connections with senior academics and scholarly editors. A related goal is to advance the decolonization of the discipline of Comparative Literature and related realms of inquiry (critical theory, cultural studies, art history, anthropology).

## **Workshop Themes & Applicants Profile:**

The Global Southern Epistemologies workshop (https://globalsouthern.hcommons.org/) aims to develop the skills and range of the next generation of postcolonial academics from across the Global South. While our expertise is in Critical Theory, Comparative Literature, and Art History, applications from all scholars whose concerns intersect with any of these themes will be considered. Applicants working on both literary and non-literary culture production are welcome. We will discuss the state of our fields and disciplines in relation to the decolonization of knowledge, and the conceptual challenges that attend these endeavors. Workshop sessions will have a practical focus on writing for international publications and preparing internationally competitive funding bids. The project website will be used as a hub for sharing resources and maintaining our scholarly network before and after the workshop. The disciplinary critiques, publications, and research collaborations that emerge from this

workshop will strengthen links between institutions across the Global South and universities across Europe and North America.

### **Eligibility:**

Applications are restricted to early-career scholars based in the Global South (South, Central, West Asia, and Latin America). Due to funding restrictions, we are only able to accept applications from scholars based in countries that eligible for Official development assistance (ODA), as listed here: <a href="https://www.oecd.org/dac/financing-sustainable-development/development-finance-standards/DAC\_List\_ODA\_Recipients2018to2020\_flows\_En.pdf">https://www.oecd.org/dac/financing-sustainable-development/development-finance-standards/DAC\_List\_ODA\_Recipients2018to2020\_flows\_En.pdf</a>.

Applicants should have had their PhD conferred no earlier than 10 December 2013.

### **Selection Process:**

Applicants should submit to <u>globalepistemologies@gmail.com</u> by **1 September 2018**, an electronic version of the documents below:

- Application form (available on the website) including a Statement of Interest discussing how the workshop may further your intellectual ambitions and benefit your career (between 600 800 words)
- · Proof of PhD award (copy of university letter or certificate)
- · CV with date of PhD conferral
- The text of an article (up to 10,000 words) that was submitted to an international journal in the past 5 years, and which was declined on the basis of peer-reviews.
- Full set of peer-reviews for the declined article (to be treated as confidential by the review committee)

The workshop will be held in English

Bursaries covering travel and accommodation costs will be granted on a full and partial basis.

# **Confirmed Participants**

- Professor Ipshita Chanda (EFLU), Chair, Department of Comparative Literature
- Professor Rebecca Gould (University of Birmingham), editor, Central Asian Literatures in Translation book series (Academic Studies Press)
- Professor Chandra Mohan (Delhi University), General Secretary, Comparative Literature Association of India
- Professor Pablo Mukherjee (Warwick), Editor, New Comparisons in World Literature book series (Palgrave)
- Dr Sherin B. S. (EFLU), Department of Comparative Literature
- Dr Emanuelle Santos (University of Birmingham), Department of Modern Languages
- Professor Ato Quayson (New York University), editor, Cambridge Journal of Postcolonial Inquiry
- Professor Robert J. C. Young (New York University), editor, Interventions:
   International Journal of Postcolonial Studies
- Professor Khadija von Zinnenburg (University of Birmingham), editor, *Third Text*