

The British Academy Writing Workshops 2018
Hyderabad, 12-14 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 12 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 scholars 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 Postcolonial and 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 endeavours. 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 “Southern Global Epistemologies” will strengthen links between institutions across the Global South and universities across Europe and North America. Refer to the project website, <https://globalsouthern.hcommons.org/>

Eligibility:

Applications are restricted to early-career scholars based in the Global South (South, Central, West Asia/the Middle East, Africa and Latin America). **Application Deadline for international participants is now closed.** Apart from the international participants, we have vacancies for a few ECRs from Indian Universities. The seats will be restricted to research scholars who are in the final phase of their PhD or early-career Assistant Professors working in Indian Universities. The travel (economy fare, to and fro Hyderabad) and basic accommodation will be provided.

The applications from Indian scholars should reach us by **October 30th**. The application should include a statement of interest in 600-800 words, discussing how the workshop may further your intellectual ambitions and benefit your career, a recently published article or a conference paper and your CV. The applications should be mailed to sherin@efluniversity.ac.in or ipshitachanda@efluniversity.ac.in (Your statement and CV should be attached as word files and the subject-line should contain “Application to Southern Global Epistemologies Workshop.”