

Seminar in Contemporary and Postcolonial Literary and Cultural Studies

Visiting Professors

Professor Ruvani Ranasinha
(King's College London)

Professor Neelam Srivastava
(Newcastle University)

19th March – 16th April 2026

Marco Polo Building
Circonvallazione Tiburtina, 4



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Programme

Prof. Ruvani Ranasinha
(King's College London)

19th March

14:00–16:00

Sala riunioni 2

*Researching the Silences:
Opportunities and
Challenges in Excavating
the Archive of South Asian
Britain*

26th March

14:00–16:00

Sala riunioni 2

*Reading the Silences:
The Politics of Literary
Production and
Consumption, Cultural
Translation and
Postcolonial Histories of
the Book*

1st April

14:00–16:00

Sala riunioni 2

*Writing the Life of
Author and Screenwriter
Hanif Kureishi:
Race, Class, and
Multiculturalism*

Prof. Neelam Srivastava
(Newcastle University)

9th April

10:00–13:00

Sala riunioni 2

*Beyond Anglophone
Postcolonial Studies:
Italian Theory, Third-
Worldism and Postwar
Decolonization*

17:30–19:30

Aula T01

*Visual Cultures of Fascism
and Resistance*

With Prof. Charles Leavitt
(University of Notre Dame),
Prof. Caterina Romeo
(Sapienza) and Christian Raimo
(writer and journalist)

16th April

10:00–13:00

Sala riunioni 2

*India and China in the
Global South:
A Reading of
Vikram Seth's From
Heaven Lake and Aravind
Adiga's The White Tiger*

MA in English and Anglo-American Studies
Other Training Activities (OTAs)

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Dates: 19th March 2026, 26th March 2026, 1st April 2026, 9th April 2026, 16th April 2026

Location: Marco Polo Building (Circonvallazione Tiburtina, 4)

Contact persons: Prof. Riccardo Capoferro (riccardo.capoferro@uniroma1.it),
Dr. Paolo D'Indinosante (paolo.dindinosante@uniroma1.it)

Maximum students: 15 (with possible selection based on the order in which students express their interest by emailing Dr. Paolo D'Indinosante by 16th March 2026)

Credits: 2 CFU

Requirements:

- Attend at least five of the six scheduled sessions (see Seminar Programme).
- Submit a written assignment in English via Google Classroom by 23:59, 15th May 2026.

Certificates: Issued only to students who meet attendance and assignment requirements, including positive evaluation of the submitted assignment.

If you have any questions, please email Dr. Paolo D'Indinosante (paolo.dindinosante@uniroma1.it).

Enrolment and Attendance

Enrolment

Students may enrol if they intend to participate in at least five of the six sessions. Please note that two sessions are scheduled for 9th April 2026. To enrol, they must write to Dr. Paolo D'Indinosante (paolo.dindinosante@uniroma1.it) by 16th March 2026, expressing their interest in taking part in the seminar.

Attendance

Attendance will be verified by signing an attendance sheet upon arrival and departure for each session.

Preparation, Submission and Evaluation of Written Assignments

Preparation

Assignments must be written in English. The assignment must follow the template provided on Google Classroom, including all required information: name, surname, student ID number and year of enrolment.

Each assignment should be a report summarising the structure and content of the seminar sessions for someone who did not attend. Simply submitting notes is not sufficient. Students must synthesise their notes into a well-organised, clear and accurate informative text.

To be positively evaluated, the assignment must:

- Be approximately 1200 to 1500 words in length, with a tolerance of $\pm 10\%$ (i.e., minimum 1080 words, maximum 1650 words).
- Be correctly formatted according to the Google Classroom template: Arial font, size 12, line spacing 1.5 and left indentation 1.25 starting from the second paragraph.
- Be organised in multiple paragraphs, including at least one introductory paragraph providing basic information about the seminar: location, dates, main topics and programme structure.
- Discuss at greater length at least one session or presentation chosen by the student.
- Be coherent and cohesive.
- Be original (i.e., it must be free from plagiarism).

Submission

Assignments must be submitted via Google Classroom by 23:59, 15th May 2026.

Evaluation

Assignments submitted on time will be evaluated between 16th May and 31st May 2026.

Issuance of Certificates

Certificates will only be sent to students who will have completed both attendance and assignment requirements. They will be attached to an email sent by 8th June 2026.

Each certificate, issued on Department letterhead and signed legibly by the contact persons, will include the student's name, surname, student ID number, degree programme and year of enrolment. Certificates will clearly indicate the sessions attended, positive evaluation of the assignment submitted on time and confirmation of valid completion of activities for CFU.