

Department of English

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Research Seminar

Professor Rashna D. Nicolson from the Department of English HKU will give a talk on “Cultural compradors and South Asian Drama – The Making of the Theatre of Empire” at 5:00pm on 26 March 2021 (Friday) via Zoom.

This presentation will introduce one of the core arguments – cultural compradors – in Dr. Nicholson’s current book project *The Colonial Public and the Parsi Stage*. The paper will demonstrate how the Parsis, followers of Zoroastrianism and compradors in the colonial opium and cotton trade, facilitated the emergence and development of the “modern” South Asian theatre in the second half of the nineteenth century. Click [here](#) for more details.

All are welcome!

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

Zoom Meeting ID: 972 5772 4087 (Password: 583805)

Publications

Professor Carmen Lee has published a chapter entitled #HateIsAVirus: Talking about COVID-19 ‘Hate’ in the book *Viral Discourse*, edited by Prof. Rodney Jones. The book, part of the Cambridge Elements in Applied Linguistics, is now available for free access until 23 March 2021. Find out [more](#).

Professor Michael O’Sullivan published his first novel *Lockdown Lovers* (Penguin), a story set across two continents, six humans and a pangolin, the mammal reportedly at the root of the virus. Check it out [here](#).

Pass/Fail and Late Drop Options for Term 2, 2020-21

The University has decided that Pass/Fail grading option will only be offered for all University Physical Education (PHED) courses in Term 2, and the late drop option will be offered to students for courses that allow such an option, as decided by the course offering departments.

Click [here](#) for more details.

Reading Week

The Reading Week for Term 2 will commence on 29 March and end on 7 April 2021. No undergraduate classes will be held during this time.